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**Message from Pastor Martin Hawley**  
**October 7, 2018**

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Lurking in the shadows of what we **want** is what we **value**.

We will never get what we really **want** until we **discover** what we really **value**, and what we **naturally** want is often in conflict with what we **ultimately** value.

When we discover what we really **value**, we are less prone to settle for what we merely **want**.

Then we asked the scary question: What does God **really** want ~~from~~ for us?

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A renewed mind sees God’s will as good, pleasing, and perfect.  
An un-renewed mind sees God’s will as restrictive, impractical, and meddlesome.

When we see as God sees, our resistance breaks down.

### Conclusion:

What do you **really** want?

What’s **most** important?

My bet is it’s more than **upgrades** and **experiences**.

Fail to discover what you **value**, and you’ll never get what you really **want**.

But when you discover what’s most important, don’t be surprised if you come face to face with the **will** of your heavenly Father.

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