

## Jesus is Lord

### uncomfortable conversation

#### *1 Corinthians 8:6 (NLT)*

*6 But we know that there is only one God, the Father, who created everything, and we live for him. And there is only one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom God made everything and through whom we have been given life.*

### four views of Jesus

- son of God
- Friend of sinners
- Son of Man
- LORD

### **Dilemma**

can teach on it

- so much the bible has to say
- but nagging feeling that I will not effect any change
- the problem I see is a filter -

The word Lord is a bit like love

- we use the word but what do we mean?
- we through the word around use love for friends, food, life etc

### **KEY question - WHY/what not what do you beleive what you believe?**

I'm not asking what you believe

sitting here today makes a statement about that

- but why do you believe it?
- do you think what you think cause its your convictions
- is it something you pondered and chose
- this word like no other exposes our inconsistency

### wise man and the house on the rock

#### *Luke 6:39-49 (NLT)*

*39 Then Jesus gave the following illustration: "Can one blind person lead another? Won't they both fall into a ditch? 40 Students are not greater than their teacher. But the student who is fully trained will become like the teacher.*

*41 "And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? 42 How can you think of saying, 'Friend, let me help you get rid of*

*that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye.*

### The Tree and Its Fruit

*43 "A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. 44 A tree is identified by its fruit. Figs are never gathered from thornbushes, and grapes are not picked from bramble bushes. 45 A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.*

### Building on a Solid Foundation

*46 "So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say? 47 I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. 48 It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built. 49 But anyone who hears and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins."*

### Hmmmm

*46 "So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say?*

- Jesus calls us out on this one. You give me a title, you call me something but why. you don't do what i ask
- Jesus is saying what ever we say is confined or denied but the way we act.

### this is at the heart of my concerns for many today

- I see us using the word
- but hmmmm who is the greater voice in our lives
- Jesus or lifestyle?

I want us to stand back for a bit and think about this one little word

- Take a quickly look at what we think/way we think and then ask which list does my actions most closely follow?

### *Genesis*

#### Genesis 1:1 (NLT)

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

#### Genesis 1:27

*So God created human beings\* in his own image.*

*In the image of God he created them;*

*male and female he created them.*

### Genesis 1:31-2:3 (NLT)

*31 Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.*

### Chapter 2

*So the creation of the heavens and the earth and everything in them was completed. 2 On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested\* from all his work. 3 And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation.*

### Genesis 3:2-10 (NLT)

*2 “Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. 3 “It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’ ”*

*4 “You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. 5 “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.”*

*6 The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. 7 At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.*

*8 When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man\* and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. 9 Then the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”*

*10 He replied, “I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.”*

### **Question - do you beleive this to be true?**

- Do you trust the bible on this account? it matters - here is why

### **heb worldview v's modern**

*Hebrew worldview (assuming you can trust the bible) Absolute Truth.*

- To understand how this works get the movie the matrix

### **1. Everything starts with God**

- He is sovereign
- nothing exists that he did not make
- not everything is functioning as he intended

#### implication

- He made us we don't remake him according to our likes
- He's in charge
- Im made by God - he's in charge

## **2. God was not made - he always was**

#### implication

- not our imagination
- we cannot shape him according to our likes

## **3. Everything God made was good**

#### implication

- Everything is spiritual - season, plants life and death - there is nothing insignificant about the world and life
- my affections matter
- my choices matter

## **4. To reflect who God is mankind was made in two parts male/female**

#### implication

- He is neither predominantly male or female
- Our relationship to each other is also a reflection of God
- books like song of solomon make us uncomfortable
  - God is passionate
  - God is personal

## **5. God made Humanity in his image**

#### implication

- Humanity is uniquely valuable - only humanity made in Gods image
- We are essentially either male or female to distort this is to attempt
- We are made to live a complimentary life i.e. we become complete in each other
- the little boy starving on tv is the image of God
- We are made for community

## **6. Whats really wrong with us is Sin**

- Sin in this case is the rejection of the rightful rule of God over us
- Every time we disobey we reinforce the original choice

## **7. Sin is also what wrong with the world**

- Three relationships are broken sin
- Us & God
- Us and Us
- Us and creation

## **8. God did not/has not given up**

- Even then he announced that he would put a rescue plan into effect

## **Modernism - we are supposed to post**

### **1.The more we understand (science) the better we will get (humanity)**

- God is not connected to reality
- sunday and Monday don't connect - best to keep them separate

### **2. Everything makes sense without God**

- my view of the world is reality
- neo (matrix) was horrified to see the real truth
- we create world views to help us become comfortable

### **3.Reason not God is the basis for morality**

- if it feels good its ok

### **4. Humanity will continue to get better**

- I'm constantly improving

## **Idolatry**

the essence of idolatry is remaking God into the image that most suits us

- we want a God to bless our crops
- we want a god to give us children
- we want a god to keep us safe
- we constantly shape god into the latest set of needs we have

Our habit of shaping our gods presupposes we are in the middle and the function and nature of our current god is ensure our eventual success in whatever is on our hearts to achieve.

there is of course a christian version of this isn't there

- Do you think our current relationship with Jesus reflects who he rally is or have we remade him
- Jesus son of god - good he can save me
- Jesus my friend - nice
- Jesus - human cool he gets me
- LORD?

Isn't it true we seek god blessing before we seek his Lorship

We want him to bless what we want rather than ask what He wants?

## **Why does he let us continue to live as we have**

not sure but feel we are getting onto shaky ground

honestly ask you to reflect

which list does my life and choices live out of

## **LORD meant to Paul**

- Ownership
- Slavery
- Compulsion
- hardship

*Acts 9:15-16 (NLT)*

*15 But the Lord said, "Go, for Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel. 16 And I will show him how much he must suffer for my name's sake."*

## **BOSS**

- I'm not the centre
- I don't have a say in my life - honestly
- Im not free to do what i like
- I am here to serve a bigger picture
- Pocket change not the \$500 bill

back to my conversation