

MY WAY OR THE HIGHWAY

Message 2 – Lordship

General Introduction –

Have you ever had someone tell you, in so many words, “It’s my way or the highway”. How did that make you feel? What if I were to tell you that God says that to us? He really does. Over three Sundays we are going to teach on 3 areas where God literally says, “My Way Or The Highway”. The three areas that we will be discussing are....

- **SALVATION – JOHN 14:6 ✓**
- **LORDSHIP – LUKE 6:46**
- **WORSHIP – MARK 7:6-7**

Message Introduction –

Last year Linda and I went of a 7 day cruise aboard the Caribbean Princess to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary. It was our third cruise but first with the Princess Cruise Line. The previous two were with Norwegian Cruise Line with our children aboard smaller ships. We had really enjoyed our first two cruises, and didn’t quite know what to expect on this one. For one thing this was the biggest ship in the Princess Cruise family, and we had heard horror stories about the bigger ships. However, this ship and cruise dispelled all that we had heard. The ship was absolutely stunning, and the service was top notch.

Today we’re going to be talking about another “ship” – the LORDSHIP of Christ. While scripture would indicate that this too should be a large ship with many onboard; I’m afraid that it is actually quite small, with only few people choosing to board it. However, as a follower of Christ, IS THIS EVEN OPTIONAL? Have we been too busy making DECISIONS, rather than DISCIPLES? This morning we’ll take a closer look as we continue our series, MY WAY OR THE HIGHWAY.

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Luke 6:46 (N.I.V.) – “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord’, and do not do what I say?”

Romans 12:1 (K.J.V.) – “I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”
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1. LIVING SACRIFICE

Romans 12:1a (K.J.V.) – “I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a LIVING SACRIFICE...”

- **LIVING / DEATH**

Luke 9:23 – “If anyone would come after me, HE MUST deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Discussion:

1. What are the three prerequisites for coming after Jesus? Expound and explain each one.
2. Is the American church as a whole teaching this?

- **GIVE UP EVERYTHING**

Luke 14:33 – “...any of you who does not give up everything he has CANNOT be my disciple.”

Discussion:

3. How can we possibly fulfill this? *(Story of “Pearl of Great Price”, Mt 13:44-46)
4. Once again, is the American church as a whole teaching this?

- **COUNTERFEIT GOSPEL (GET) v AUTHENTIC GOSPEL (GIVE)**

Mt 6:33 – “But seek first His Kingdom ... and ALL THESE THINGS will be given to you as well.”

Discussion:

5. Explain the difference between the Counterfeit Gospel being taught and Jesus’ Authentic Gospel?
6. But, isn’t it the Father’s good pleasure to bless us?

- **12 SOLD OUT v MULTITUDE OF HALF-HEARTED**

Discussion:

7. Which would Jesus rather have? *(John 6)

2. REASONABLE SERVICE

Romans 12:1c (K.J.V.) – “...which is your REASONABLE SERVICE.”

- **THIS IS A HARD MESSAGE > UNREASONABLE**

Discussion:

8. We want to argue that this is unreasonable, but what does the Word say?
9. The newer translations say, “which is your spiritual act of worship”. Expound on this.

- **UNWORTHY SERVANTS**

Luke 17:10 – “So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

Discussion:

10. What does the story of the “unprofitable servant” teach us?

- **Us: SUPER SPIRITUAL v Jesus: NORMAL / Us: NORMAL v Jesus: LUKEWARM**

Rev 3:16 – “So, because you are lukewarm – neither hot or cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth.”

Discussion:

11. Explain what is meant by “lukewarm”?
12. What does it mean, He’ll spit (vomit) us out of His mouth? Is this serious?

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John 12:24-25 – “I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.”
