



RESTORED TO FACTORY SETTINGS

with Jeff Struecker from 2 Cities Church

▶ FOCUS VERSES

Set your minds on things that are above, no on things that are on earth.
Colossians 3:2

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8

▶ DISCUSSION

Jeff Struecker shared an illustration of a socket that would no longer work on any sized bolt. It was essentially worthless. It was unable to perform the job it was designed to perform. Have you ever felt worthless? Ever felt that you were unable to perform the job God put you on this Earth for?

Jeff points out that God built Adam for a specific purpose and that very specific purpose was to be in a close, intimate relationship with Him. Sin broke the relationship between God and man. Man was deemed essentially worthless. The wages of sin is death. It took Jesus dying on a cross to restore man to our “factory settings”.

- The only way for you to be truly satisfied is an intimate relationship with God. Often we turn to other, worldly thing to try and fulfill that longing. What kinds of things you have you done to try and fulfill that longing?

For a number of years Jeff competed in the Best Ranger Competition. He shares that he was dedicating a great deal of his time and energy to training. Eventually he realized the competition had become an idol to him. He confessed that he felt that if won the competition it would fulfill a deep longing in his life. A desire for fame and glory.

- What types of things are you chasing in your life?
- Are you willing to make the same time and energy commitment to your relationship with God?



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