

DENAIR FRIENDS CHURCH

Devotions with Matt

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MY GOD

Not too far back I was driving in my car and I heard Michael W Smith's version of Way Maker. The song has been in my head ever since. In fact, the last few mornings I wake up with it on my mind and sing (the part I remember) as I get ready for the day.

The chorus is really what I remember the most "Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the Darkness." But what really is standing out to me is the next line (and really the first 2 words) "My God, that is who you are." What has been the thought process in those 2 words "My God" is really the transition from knowing there is a God, knowing about God and/or believing in God to "My God". That is the biggest, and best, transition we can make in our hearts and minds.

It reminds me of the story after the part in John chapter 20 where Jesus enters the room the Disciples were hiding in and gives them His Peace. Thomas, one of the 12, was not there at the time and he does not believe the other Disciples when they say that Jesus is alive! Thomas says, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger in where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe it."

A week later Jesus again enters the room where the Disciples were and this time Thomas is with them. Jesus goes directly to Thomas and shows him His scars. The text doesn't say this, but I can picture Thomas falling to His knees, eyes wide open in both shock and wonder. I can imagine a shock going through his brain, transforming it to view the world in a new way, a new paradigm. His heart also transformed to love in a new way that he never knew possible before. In a split second, after seeing Jesus and His scars, Thomas says, "My Lord and my God!" Thomas, in an instant, was transformed forever.

That's what it means to call God my God. Gone are all the other 'gods' before Him. Gone are the old ways in which we lived. Gone is the notion that we know best and are the ones in charge of our lives. Gone is the selfishness that once consumed us and gone is our way over His way. No longer do we have some sort of intellectual belief in God, but are now transformed into a new person with a new life with Jesus as our Lord and our God.

To call Jesus Lord and God is a confession of who He truly is. It is a recognition of His true title and rightful place in our lives. It is a paradigm shift in our thinking that we no longer see the world, and others, as we used to, but rather through the lens of Jesus Himself. It is a confession, that since He is Lord, we will live for Him, according to His will. When was the last time you dropped to your knees and said, "Jesus, you are my Lord and my God?"

That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ~Romans 10:9-10

In the love of my Lord and my God,
Matt

