



## WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO DO?

Pastor Matt said, *The third promise of the new covenant is that it will be personal and intimate. God isn't offering a religious system that people have to remind each other to follow. He's offering something far greater, a relationship so real, so alive. This is radical. God is saying, in the new covenant, faith is not inherited. Faith is not just learned. Faith is experienced.*

What kinds of systems can people get caught up in an attempt to earn God's love and favor?

How does the New Covenant offer a striking contrast to that "system"?

In what sense have you, as a believer, become "the dwelling place of God"?

What difference can that make in your life, especially in your relationships?

*What does God want us to do?* Flowing out of our reading and interpretation, what action does this passage or the Spirit's leading, nudging us toward?

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Pastor Matt said, *Think about it: all the heart-change, all the assurance, all the personal knowing of God, it hinges on this. God's people don't cling to Him because they've finally gotten it right. They cling to Him because He has forgiven, He has restored, and He has erased the record of their failure.*

If you have not embraced God's offer inherent in His New Covenant, Easter week would be an opportune time to do that. All that's necessary is seeing yourself in need of God's mercy (because of deliberate and willful sins), and then trusting Jesus, in that mercy, to save you.

[All the baptisms you will witness on Easter are a symbolic representation of saving faith... which is simply repentance and belief].

If you have embraced saving faith, take this week to meditate on Christ's anticipation of his death... knowing the exact day, and the horrifying way it was going to happen. In your prayers, empathize with Jesus' turmoil as he faced his agonizing separation from God (as he took upon the sins of the world).

*What does God want ME to do?* What is the personal application and action step that the Holy Spirit is calling you toward?