

Until God Becomes Our All

Ruth shared a segment from John Eldredge's book at our Community meeting. Here are some excerpts from that segment:¹

“God wants us to be happy...but he knows that we cannot be truly happy until we are completely his and until he is our all. And the weaning process is hard.”

“We give our hearts over to so many things other than God. We look to so many other things for life. I know I do. Especially the very gifts that he himself gives to us – they become more important to us than he is. That's not the way it is supposed to be. As long as our happiness is tied to the things we can lose, we are vulnerable.”

“It doesn't even occur to us that God is meant to be our all, and that until he is our all, we are subhuman.”

“We seek for life and look to God as our assistant in the endeavour. We are far more upset when things go wrong than we ever are when we aren't close to God. And so God must, from time to time, and sometimes very insistently, disrupt our lives so that we release our grasping of life here and now. Usually through pain.”

“But pain does come, and what will we do with it? What does it reveal? What might God be up to? How might he redeem our pain? Those are questions worth asking. Don't waste your pain.”

Deuteronomy 13:3 (NKJV) – for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

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