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# *Sunday Morning Study, Praise **In** Prayer*

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## “Not A Job, Not A Career”

(Jobs come and go, careers are subject to change based on your current reality)

**The primary purpose of having a job** is to secure financial independence for survival and comfort, while also providing a sense of purpose, daily structure, and social connection.

**Purpose of a career** is the personal fulfillment derived from aligning professional work with individual values, strengths, and passions, creating a meaningful impact beyond mere income.

**A commitment** is a **firm, binding** decision to follow a course of action or uphold a relationship, acting as a "glue" that **transforms intentions into reality**. Its purpose is to foster **growth, resilience, and success** by **providing direction and stability despite obstacles**, while its foundation lies in a deep "why" the values and purpose driving the **dedication**.

### **A true "Commitment" to God, changes a desire into a reality**

**Transforming Potential into Reality:** Commitment is the active step (**not just a wish**) that ensures a promise becomes a tangible result.

**Ensuring Persistence:** Commitment creates the resilience needed to keep moving forward, even when times are difficult or tedious.

**Building Trust and Reliability:** Commitment enables people to build long-term trust, both in themselves and in their relationships with others.

**A "Firm Decision" (The "Why"):** Real commitment is based on a firm, conscious decision rather than a "wishy-washy" desire or partial decision. It is fueled by understanding the "why" the core values that make the goal meaningful, you must understand why you are or are not committed to Christ.



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I'm interested in getting closer to **Christ** BUT! I can't fully "**Commit**" right now.

(a lot of people are interested in Christ but, not Committed to Christ)

(interest in **Christ** Won't get you in)

**Action over Interest:** Interest does something when it is convenient; commitment does it regardless of circumstances.

**Commitment vs. Interest:** Commitment implies **100% engagement**, whereas interest is temporary or conditional.

**The Power of Choice:** commitment is a choice to prioritize a person or goal over other alternatives.

**Daily Maintenance:** Commitment is not a one-time event; it is maintained through small, daily actions and decisions.

We're NOT! A Job or Career To Christ, He Is "Committed" To His People,  
His Bride/Church

**Jesus Christ** is profoundly (**extremely deep, intense, far-reaching**) committed to **His Church**, described in the Bible as **His Body, His Bride, and His Possession**. **He** is **The Head, The Builder**, and **The Savior**, demonstrating His inseparable connection between himself and the gathering of believers. This commitment is shown through **His Sacrifice, His Ministry**, and His ongoing presence.

**Olam (עולם)** is a Hebrew word fundamentally meaning "**eternity**," "**forever**," or "**everlasting**".

**The Head and Body:** The Bible describes Christ as the "head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior," establishing an inseparable, intimate connection.

**The Bridegroom:** Jesus is presented as the bridegroom and the church as his bride, signifying a covenantal commitment.

**The Builder:** Jesus stated he would build his church (**Matthew 16:18**), making him its foundation and sustainer.



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**Sacrifice and Service:** He proved his commitment through his sacrifice, and his love is shown through his continuing, ongoing care.

**The Bible reveals that Jesus is deeply committed to The Church,** describing it as His bride for whom He gave His life, and His body which He builds and sustains. Key scriptures, such as **Matthew 16:18**, illustrate this commitment by His promise to build His Church and protect it, stating "**the gates of Hades will not overpower it**"

**The Church as the Body of Christ:** The Bible calls the church the "**body of Christ**," with Jesus as its head (**Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 1:22-23**).

**The Church as the Bride:** The Bible show Jesus loving the church as his bride, giving his life for her (**Ephesians 5:25-27, 2 Corinthians 11:2**).

**Building the Church:** Jesus explicitly states in **Matthew 16:18**, "I will build my church"

**Sacrificial Love:** Jesus' death on the cross (**Ephesians 5:2**) and continued intercession are viewed as proof of His dedication/commitment to the holiness and future of His Church.

**Authority:** He entrusts the "**keys of the kingdom**" to the church, empowering it to function on earth (**Matthew 16:19**).

**The "keys to the kingdom of heaven"** are primarily understood as the authority to proclaim the Gospel and the teachings of Jesus Christ, enabling access to God's kingdom. Stemming from **Matthew 16:19**, these symbolic keys represent the power to bind and loose (**declare truth/forgiveness**) and often encompass **faith, repentance, and obedience** to God's will.

**Presence:** Jesus promises to be present where his people are gathered (**Matthew 18:20**)

### **Ephesians 5:21-27**

(A Marriage is a "**Commitment**" to God, not a job or career)

**GOD'S WORD® Translation**

(21) Place yourselves under each other's authority out of respect for Christ.



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The idea of mutual submission is rooted in the teachings of Jesus, who exemplified servanthood (John 13:14-15). It reflects the unity and equality found in the body of Christ (Galatians 3:28). This submission **is not** about subjugation (referring to the forced submission, bringing under control, or conquering of a person), but about serving one another in love, as seen in Philippians 2:3-4, where believers are encouraged to consider others more significant than themselves.

### GOD'S WORD® Translation

(22) Wives, place yourselves under your husbands' authority as you have placed yourselves under the Lord's authority.

**Wives, submit to your husbands:** The term "submit" is often understood as a **voluntary yielding in love and respect, not as an enforced subjugation**. This submission is modeled after the relationship between Christ and the Church, emphasizing mutual respect and love. The concept of submission here is **not about inferiority** but about **order and function within the family unit**, as seen in other biblical passages like Colossians 3:18 & 1 Peter 3:1-6. The idea of submission is also rooted in the creation order described in Genesis, where man and woman are created with distinct roles.

### Good News Translation

(23) For a husband has authority over his wife just as Christ has authority over the church; and Christ is himself the Savior of the church, his body.

**For the husband is the head of the wife:** This phrase establishes a hierarchical (hai-ur-aar-kuh-kl) (refers to an ordered structure of authority ordained by God, emphasizing service over dominion) structure within the marriage relationship, reflecting the order seen in creation (Genesis 2:18-24). The concept of "head" implies leadership and responsibility rather than domination. In the cultural context of the first century, the husband was typically the provider and protector, roles that align with the biblical understanding of headship. This mirrors the order seen in 1 Corinthians 11:3, where Paul states that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God, indicating a divine order and purpose.

### Amplified Bible

(24) But as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives should be subject to their husbands in everything [respecting both their position as protector and their responsibility to God as head of the house].



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**Now as the church submits to Christ:** The relationship between Christ and the church is foundational to understanding Christian doctrine. The church, referred to as the "**bride of Christ**" in passages like **Revelation 19:7-9**, is called to submit to Christ as its head. This submission is **not one of oppression** but of willing obedience and reverence, reflecting the church's acknowledgment of Christ's authority and love. Historically, the early church faced persecution, yet it remained steadfast in its submission to Christ, demonstrating faith and loyalty. This relationship is a model of unity and purpose, as seen in **1 Corinthians 12:12-27**, where **the church is described as the body of Christ, each member working in harmony under His leadership.**

### Amplified Bible

(25) Husbands, love your wives [seek the highest good for her and surround her with a caring, unselfish love], just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

**Husbands, love your wives:** This command is directed specifically to husbands, emphasizing the importance of love within the marital relationship. In the Greco-Roman world, marriage was often seen as a social contract rather than a relationship based on love. This directive challenges cultural norms by elevating the role of love in marriage. The Greek word for love used here is "**agape**," which denotes a **selfless, sacrificial love**. **This sets a high standard for husbands**, calling them to love their wives with the same depth and **commitment** that Christ has for the church.

### Amplified Bible

(26) so that He might sanctify the church, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word [of God],

**cleansing her:** In the New Testament, cleansing is closely associated with forgiveness of sins and moral purity (**1 John 1:9**). This cleansing is made possible through the blood of Christ, which washes away sin (**Revelation 1:5**). The imagery of cleansing also connects to the church as the bride of Christ, who is made pure and spotless for her union with Him (**Revelation 19:7-8**).

### Amplified Bible

(27) so that [in turn] He might present the church to Himself in glorious splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy [set apart for God] and blameless.

**and to present her to Himself as a glorious church:** This phrase emphasizes Christ's ultimate purpose for the Church, which is to be **presented to Himself in glory**. The imagery of a bride being presented to the bridegroom is rooted in Jewish wedding customs, where the bride is prepared and adorned for her husband. This reflects the intimate and covenantal relationship between Christ and the Church. The concept of glory here signifies a state of honor and splendor, free from any imperfection. This presentation is not just a future event but an ongoing process of sanctification, aligning with passages like **Revelation 19:7-8**, where the Church is depicted as the Bride of Christ, clothed in fine linen, representing the righteous acts of the saints.



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(How can you "Commit" to God, if you don't know who He is)

### Matthew 16:13-19

#### English Standard Version

(13) Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

#### New King James Version

(14) So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

#### Good News Translation

(15) “What about you?” he asked them. “Who do you say I am?”

**But what about you?:** This phrase marks a pivotal moment in Jesus' ministry, emphasizing personal reflection and decision. It follows a discussion about public opinion regarding Jesus' identity, highlighting the contrast between societal views and personal conviction. This question is directed to the disciples, who have witnessed Jesus' teachings and miracles firsthand. It underscores the importance of individual belief and the personal nature of faith, challenging the disciples to move beyond hearsay and form their own understanding of who Jesus is.

#### New King James Version

(16) Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

#### Amplified Bible

(17) Then Jesus answered him, “Blessed [happy, spiritually secure, favored by God] are you, Simon son of Jonah, because flesh and blood (mortal man) did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

**Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah!:** The use of “blessed” signifies divine favor and approval. Simon, also known as Peter, is acknowledged by his full name, emphasizing his identity and heritage. The reference to “son of Jonah” connects Peter to his familial lineage, which is significant in Jewish culture. This blessing is a recognition of Peter's faith and insight, which is not of human origin.

**For this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood:** This phrase indicates that Peter's understanding did not come from human wisdom or teaching. “Flesh and blood” is a common Jewish idiom for human beings, emphasizing the contrast between human and divine revelation. This highlights the theme of spiritual insight being a gift from God, not attainable through human effort alone.



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### Amplified Bible

(18) And I say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades (death) will not overpower it [by preventing the resurrection of the Christ].

**I will build My church:** This is the first mention of the word "church" in the New Testament, derived from the Greek "ekklesia," meaning a called-out assembly. Jesus' use of "My church" indicates ownership and a personal relationship with His followers. The future tense "will build" suggests the ongoing and progressive nature of the church's growth, beginning with the apostles and continuing through history. This statement also implies divine initiative and authority in the establishment and expansion of the church.

**and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it:** The "gates of Hades" symbolize the powers of death and the underworld. In ancient times, city gates represented authority and power. This phrase assures that the church will withstand all opposition, including death itself. The promise of victory over Hades aligns with Jesus' resurrection, which conquers death and guarantees eternal life for believers. This assurance is echoed in other scriptures, such as **1 Corinthians 15:55-57**, where Paul speaks of victory over death through Christ. The imagery reinforces the church's enduring strength and ultimate triumph.

### Amplified Bible

(19) I will give you the keys (authority) of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind [forbid, declare to be improper and unlawful] on earth will have [already] been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose [permit, declare lawful] on earth will have [already] been loosed in heaven."

**I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.** This phrase signifies authority and responsibility. In ancient times, keys symbolized control and access, often given to trusted stewards. The "keys of the kingdom of heaven" imply a divine authority to govern the affairs of the church on earth. This authority is first given to Peter, representing the foundational role of the apostles in the early church. The imagery of keys is also found in **Isaiah 22:22**, where Eliakim is given the key to the house of David, symbolizing authority over the kingdom. This connection underscores the messianic fulfillment in Christ, who grants this authority to His followers.

**Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,** The concept of binding and loosing was familiar in Jewish rabbinical tradition, where it referred to the authority to make legal decisions. Binding and loosing involve declaring what is permitted or forbidden according to God's will. This phrase indicates that the decisions made by the church, under divine guidance, have heavenly endorsement. It emphasizes the responsibility of church leaders to discern and apply God's will in matters of doctrine and discipline. This authority is not arbitrary but is exercised in alignment with the teachings of Christ and the apostles.

