

“Worshipping in Spirit and in Truth”



John 4:19-26

prayers for 2016 from last week...

- ✎ *“Dear God, I want to walk in your love by being less angry all the time”*
- ✎ *“Dear God, I want to walk in your love by seeing and caring for the people around me.”*
- ✎ *“Dear God, I want to walk in your love by being mindful of you every 15 minutes of the day.”*
- ✎ *“Dear God, I want to walk in your love by loving those who offend me.”*

- ☞ *“Dear God, I want to walk in your love by facilitating educational initiatives for a Syrian family.”*
- ☞ *“Dear God, I want to walk in your love by taking off my boots and putting on yours.”*
- ☞ *“Dear God, I want to walk in your love by slowing down, being still, centering myself in You.”*
- ☞ *“Dear God, I want to walk in your love by being the kind of husband that I need to be to my wife, to love and respect her as I should, each and every day.”*

Increasing engagement in worship...



John 4:22-26

“Sir,” the woman said, “you must be a prophet. ²⁰ So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?”

²¹ Jesus replied, “Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. ²³ But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. ²⁴ For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

²⁵ The woman said, “I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶ Then Jesus told her, “I AM the Messiah!”

right to the heart...

- ✎ Jesus knew the Father was seeking this prodigal daughter...
- ✎ She was a prime example of the new kind of worshipper...
- ✎ The Father is looking for worshippers...
- ✎ “In spirit and in truth’ means to worship from the heart and that the focus would be on Jesus