

Message Questions

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Getting Started

- When you are meeting someone for the first couple of times, what are the biggest things that influence your opinion of them? Why?
- Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Living it Out

Pastor John is sharing "**Aladdin: Seeking Approval**" in the final part of our series

BLOCKBUSTERS: REMADE. There are many things, or idols, we tend to put in our lives to get approval from others, when our focus should be on what God wants us to be. We are tempted to look at the world around us and turn to possessions, our jobs, or what people's opinions are in order to earn their approval.

- What are some common ways that people try to gain approval from those around them?
- Pastor John said that *"if you follow God, there will be things that pull you away from who God wants you to be."* Why is that?
 - What actions can you take based on 2 Timothy 2:15-19 that will help you stay on God's path versus the approval of others?
 - In your opinion, how easy is it to balance the yeses we give to God with the no's we need to say to ourselves and others?
- Why can the temptation of what you have be such a distraction from God's plan?
 - How about what you do? Why isn't that an indicator of who you are?
- What are the dangers of the temptation to believe you are what people think of you?
 - How is that temptation different for children and younger adults?
- How easy is it to believe that you are what you do?
 - How can it be harmful to believe that you are what you do?
 - How do you think Ephesians 2:8-10 falls in this discussion?

Take Ownership

What do you need to say yes to for God? What do you need to say no to? Being messy, we all have things we need to say no to so we can say yes to the things God has prepared for us. If you need to talk to a pastor, let us know at cbc@crestview.church or call us at 432.681.8200. You can always ask us to join you in prayer [here](#).

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Our recommended reading plan this week is ["The Idol of Approval" \(4 day plan\)](#).