

I VS. YOU
-Ryan Parsons-

Psalm 119:89-96

Forever, O Lord, your word
is firmly fixed in the heavens.
Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.
By your appointment they stand this day,
for all things are your servants.
If your law had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my affliction.
I will never forget your precepts,
for by them you have given me life.
I am yours; save me,
for I have sought your precepts.
The wicked lie in wait to destroy me,
but I consider your testimonies.
I have seen a limit to all perfection,
but your commandment is exceedingly broad.

Have you noticed how truth is changing these days? Conversations are dictated by “I think,” “I know,” “I feel,” and “I believe.” Sadly, the emphasis is on the “I.” The Psalmist, when reflecting on life and the Word of God in Psalm 119, includes a subtle detail that I think would serve mankind well if embraced wholeheartedly...especially in today’s cultural climate. In his reflections, we see the stark contrast between “I” vs. “You.”

O Lord,
Your word is eternal. I am not.
Your word is powerful. I am weak.
Your word is life. I am limited by death.
Your word leads to salvation. My ideas don’t get me to good places.
Your word is focus. I tend to get distracted.
Your word is perfect. I am not.

What if we allowed our focus to shift from “I” to “You?” What if our perspective was dictated by: O Lord, YOU think, YOU know, YOU feel, and YOU believe. What if our prayer was: Help me to let go of “I” and focus on “You!”

Clearly, the Word of God is important. But, how much time are we spending with God there? This is the key to shifting from “I” to “You.”

Hesed,
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