

John 2

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PUT GOD FIRST

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs that He was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust Himself to them, because He knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for He Himself knew what was in man. (**John 2:23-25 ESV**)

Many believed in His name when they saw the signs: Jesus knew that this was thin, superficial belief. It wasn't based on anything other than an admiration of the spectacular. Knowing this, Jesus did not commit Himself to them. (**Guzik**)

Put your trust in God first. Jesus never put His trust in any other person. But He was never suspicious or bitter and never lost hope for anyone because He put His trust in God first. He trusted completely in what God's Grace could do. If I put my trust in human beings first, the result will be my despair and hopelessness toward humanity. I will be bitter because I have insisted that people be what no person can ever be: completely perfect and right. Also, never trust anything in yourself or anything else except God's grace. (**Chambers**)

Put God's Will First. Our obedience is to what we see to be a need, but our Lord's obedience is to the will of His Father. Often we see the cry of the church Today as, "We must get to work! The lost are dying without God. We must go and tell them about Jesus." But we must first ensure that God's "needs" and His will in us are met. Jesus said, "And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. **But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.**" (**Luke 24:49 ESV**) Our Christian training aims to get us into the right relationship with the "needs" of God and His will. Once God's "needs" in us are met, He will open the way for us to accomplish His will.

Lord, give us a desire to know you deeply as a loving son to his loving Father. I want to know you more intimately as I grow in your grace and mercy.