

Computer Generated Transcript - We're going to continue on with the series that we started two weeks ago two weeks ago we started the series that we're just simply calling life all right what does the Bible say about life and with two weeks ago we looked at a multigenerational church I kind of wanted to start there in our church life and one of the greatest things that I one of the things I'll just love about this church is how multigenerational it is look around right if you look around this place and I mean you could literally look around you will see people from all kinds of different generations represented in this place and that's awesome I absolutely love that about this church I love that we are a community of multigenerational one of the things that can be difficult about that though is a lot of us don't talk the same way and don't think the same way and maybe have a few different values in different areas and so there can be some tension involved in having so many different generations but that is truly when you look at the Bible you see over and over and over again this idea that the generations are meant to work together and we just believe that that is the best way for the church to behave the best way for the church to work together is in a multigenerational capacity Last week we talked about just the church life in general what is church really about what are we supposed to do how are we supposed to work together what's our focus what's our purpose what are those things supposed to be about and so we talked about that last week the church is vitally important to Scripture points out how we should be coming together as a group of people to encourage one another and love and good deeds right does that sound familiar it should it's from Hebrews OK That is why we get together that is one of the things that we do we come together we worship God and we encourage each other to go at it all right that's what church life is supposed to look like it's not always neat it's not always tidy we talked about this verse last week bear with one another right because sometimes you need bear to. With right it's not necessarily a super joy to be alongside of you and I know I'm the same way sometimes it's not just all joy and fun to come hang out with Jason All right but sometimes you need to bear with me and I need to bear with you and they just understood that in the New Testament and that's how it is but we work together we love we focus on common goals and that is such an important thing today we're going to talk about work all right everybody's favorite topic we're going to talk about work in church right now last time when I talked about work some of you came up to me afterwards and you were like you don't understand like if you saw where I worked nothing you saw or nothing you said would really apply to me and one of you was kind enough to send me a video of your workplace just so we could get a look I just want to share that with everybody what was your video of work you know this is what you like. This. Clearly that was a joke OK I know you didn't actually send me that but some of you I understand are in a rough work situation I get it I mean I've heard you talk we've had this conversation and there are situations that are certainly difficult and I don't want to make light of that fact but what I do want to point out as we go through this day is just because your work situation stinks doesn't mean that it's allowed to change your responsibility in that situation and I know that that's a tough way to start a sermon I know that's kind of a tough tough thought as we dive into this whole thing but really that's true the Bible for the most part was written to a group of people you know who were involved in slavery people that were that were so we're going to talk about a couple of verses in the future and they the the Bible it's interesting is you go through and you see these things there are some tough things to sort through as you look at the Bible and and some different things in the New Testament particularly we see Paul writing instructions for slaves and slave owners and he doesn't really condemn slavery but you have to understand the fact that too in that time slavery a was a little different not that I'm trying to make it OK by any stretch of the imagination but also there are small voice in the midst of a giant empire they're not part of a democracy in the New Testament one voice does not have any sort of authority or ability to make a change so what happened in the New Testament was rather than them trying to push over you know this gigantic wall with their bare hands what they did was they said this is the situation you're in how do you represent Jesus in that and his weird is that may sound to you sometimes I'm actually very grateful that. We see them right into this really corrupt and strange culture and if we can see that they're supposed to live in a way in a time that is far worse than our own then we can probably look at that and apply some of those

principles to where we're at today rather than us being and like oh well we're going to write that all off because it mentions something that I don't agree with or enjoy we look at that and we say alright their situation was way worse than ours and this is still their responsibility in that So what's our responsibility today. And so that's kind of what we're going today we're going to talk about work we're going to do that everybody's favorite thing you know I know it's the weekend and you don't want to be thinking about work otherwise you you know you probably be there you know but we're going to we're going to do that today and so let's just start with this very simple question What is the purpose of work. And I'm literally asking you a question I'm going to be doing this a lot this morning so get ready to answer outloud to me OK So what is the purpose of work. To provide for your family sure. What else to provide services for other people sure you bet what else keep you out of trouble. That's really good for some of you I know that says you don't need all that spare time OK What else what is the purpose of work. Provides a sense of self-worth OK we can get a sense of self-worth from a job what else I heard somebody else talking the same time you don't work you don't eat that is Old Testament and that is very true the bible was very very serious about those kind of things about being a participant in the situation and that's important All right so to provide again is basically what we're hearing to to provide a way to survive what else to eat regularly and live indoors is that what you said all right I agree with that especially in northern Minnesota I appreciate being to live being able to live inside here I would not have cut it you know outside in North America I don't know how they did it specially this far north it's crazy I enjoy forced air heat immensely any what else what is the purpose of work using a talent God gave you OK you bet what else. To help others. Doing what God commissioned you to do you bet what else God says man should work yep. To be a witness there's all kinds of reasons to work right I mean I kind of let that go a long time in a mob mode your answers were right I'm not trying to keep going because no one said the right thing yet all right there's lots of reasons that we work there's lots of reasons God has set this in motion did you know God started giving people jobs all the way back in Genesis chapter two I mean literally in Genesis chapter two we see the first job handed out but I want to go back real quick I just want to talk some of us don't think about work this way but I think that the Bible is really really clear as we look through and you're going to see as we kind of start in Genesis and just kind of work our way through. To some of the New Testament here to that's a big part of the purpose of our work is to give glory to God. A big part of our work is simply to glorify God through how we work. It's a huge thing and you'll see there's all kinds of instructions in Scripture there's all kinds of these different things and we're going to we're going to kind of move in and out of this a paycheck that's a big part of it you know being being a part of the mission field and reaching out that's a big part of all of these things that you guys said they're not wrong that's all part of why we work but I want to challenge your thinking if you haven't thought about your job as a way you can glorify God I'm going to challenge you to change your thinking this morning. Not because I think you should but because of what I really believe the Bible says OK not not because it's just my opinion but because I think the Bible talks about this in such a very serious and straightforward way so in Genesis chapter two we see everything beginning right Genesis chapter one Genesis chapter two most of you even if you're not familiar with church and you haven't been around much you've probably heard Genesis chapter one one right in the beginning and so Genesis is the start of everything. That's what that word means right it's the beginning right we see God begin to create and he creates the earth and he creates the sky and he creates all of those things and all of this stuff is happening and then he creates man right along the way he's created this garden he's created trees and animals and plants and flowers and all of these things and he creates this garden and he sets man right in the middle of it. OK And in Genesis chapter two verse fifteen you can see the Lord God placed man in the Garden of Eden to tend it and watch over it can I ask you a question. This is pretty fall OK prefer all of man so priests in there is no sin in this world the ground is not cursed none of that stuff is happening yet God has created Do you really think that God needed a gardener to take care of his perfect on corrupted creation. I mean is that really what God God like a whole you know what I created this perfect system but without a dude in there is probably going to get really messed up. No that's not

how it was at all God created man. And he knew what man needed. Man needed a task man needed a job and so God takes man and he puts them in garden and he says do this job take care of my creation attend it work it. Do this task right and all the way back in Genesis chapter two. We see man with a job OK we see God give Adam a job. There's two Old Testament figures in Exodus thirty one that I want to talk about K. you can flip over there I'm not going to read through this whole thing but in the in the Old Testament Exodus Chapter thirty one so the nation of Israel right it starts actually with this movie that we were just talking about Exodus the nation of Israel is in slavery OK they've been they go to Egypt and they are told the reason Egypt even survives is because of the Hebrew. Name Joseph and they predict they interpret this dream all of this stuff is going on and then all of a sudden there's more Hebrews and there are Ggyptian Xin the Pharaoh freaks out a little bit and he's like man if these people decide to take over our country we can't stop them so they force them into slavery and they start doing all these things and for four hundred years the nation of Israel is in slavery as a long time that's a horrible thing right and they're waiting for the Deliverer that's what that song was all about do liberals right that's that's what the whole thing is there and they're going through and then God sends the Deliverer God empowers Moses and he leads them out of Egypt and they cross the Jordan and they're traveling along in the entire nation of Israel they're not really a nation yet but this entire group of Hebrew people are traveling along with Moses and they're a bunch of whiners and complainers and nothing is ever good enough and even though they see God's miraculous provision and supernatural protection every single day of their lives they're all like oh God has forgotten us we were better in slavery you know and all of these things are happening and Moses goes up on a mountain and he's given instructions for how to live he's given instructions for all of the things that they're going to do they're given instructions for the Ark which can i just take a pause for just a second I was listening to one of my sermons to from a few weeks ago when I was talking about David taking the ark out I mistakenly said that in between the cherubim is the Holy of Holies that was wrong the idea was right there taking the presence of God but that's the mercy seat not the Holy of Holies and it's been bothering me since I heard that so I just want to confess my failure to us as we go along here so now we're back on it OK So God gives them all the instructions for this very arc that we were talking about a few days ago and it gives them instructions for the temple of God and and the garments that they're supposed to wear and it's this incredibly detailed list I mean if you love sewing and building and like blueprints and architecture and you can see all this stuff with your mind's eye I read like the last eight chapters of Exodus because they do it not once but they get it twice OK so you can you can read it literally I mean I think there are some great things in there I'm not trying to like dog the Word of God but as far as me being bored when I'm reading Scripture. Maybe the eight most boring consecutive chapters in the entire Bible OK I like I it's just one of those things that I kind of struggle through because I mean they're talking about all these measurements and weights and all of this stuff and I just don't picture all of that I have a very active imagination but I have a hard time seeing through that thing but one thing that I find is just absolutely fascinating in the middle of all this stuff is God since two min So Moses Moses is not a builder OK at least we're giving no we're given no indication whatsoever in scripture that Moses knows how to build so God sends him what he needs because we had incredibly detailed descriptions of what is supposed to happen enough God would tell me here's all this wood and here's all this fabric Now go do it it would look anything like what it was supposed to look like all right it's just not how things would go God I've just believe Moses was the same way and God sends in these two men in Exodus Chapter thirty one with the best names ever OK bezel well in the holy Yeah but. Don't name your kids that that's it's life is hard enough OK bezel well in a holy out and it says that they are men full of the spirit and how can you tell they're full of the spirit in Exodus Chapter thirty one. Because God empowered them and filled them. To be awesome at all this building and all of this sewing that need to be happening and all of this carving and all of this gold work laying and all of these things in the Spirit of God was evident on them by how good they were at their job don't miss it that's important that's an important fact when you look at the Old Testament God obviously has a standard that he wants his people to he didn't just let some you know

punk guy who had just started his carving career carved all of the stuff that need to be done for the temple the very best two people in the entire nation of Israel were annoying to for this very moment. Where they came together and they built a temple and they built or the tabernacle not the temple if I'm going to be really specific the tabernacle and they built the whole they built the ark of the Covenant and they put together the priestly robes and all these things this tabernacle that they built is still being used a thousand years later when David is king they did a pretty good job they did a pretty good job and they were anointed and empowered to do that job to do that job Exodus Chapter thirty one check it out. Go to Proverbs chapter eleven verse one I'm not going to pause long enough for you to get all these things right I'm down check them out I'm not trying to go through but I just don't want to wait ten minutes every time we do this Proverbs eleven one says a false balance is an abomination to the Lord but just wait is the light what does that mean. Don't be a cheater adjured job OK that's what that's what he's saying a false scale a false measurement right now they didn't necessarily have currency all the time the way that they did and even though they did have currency in the end Mark pointed and stuff like that in these different kingdoms they were all the same weight right so a quarter isn't worth a quarter of gold coin is worth its weight in gold OK And so if that coin is maybe a little bigger than your neighbor's coin even though it's the same coin it's worth more money because it's more gold you understand how that works you get how all of that currency goes so what's what's a dishonest person to do but you know to cheat the scale a little bit right all of a sudden you've got a weight that says it's this much but it's as much so when they put their one pound thing on there it says it's only fourteen ounces instead of a pound. And then you have to pay out less. And God says. It's not OK. God looks and through Solomon in this book of Proverbs we're given this very specific thing that a false balance is a what to the Lord. And abomination not a slight annoyance OK guys not like yeah I just really don't like that very much it makes me feel a little icky. It's an abomination to God. To cheat at work. I was going to leave that right there but you take that however God might speak that to you. All right it is an abomination to God to have a false balance but to just wait is his delight. Being in being fair being on us in the way that we do business is a delight to the Lord the light. Solomon says again and please us the chapter nine ten whatever your hand finds to do do it with all your might whatever it is that you're going to do do it to the absolute best of your ability that's what he says all right that's the word of God for us all right so now we're going to jump to the New Testament I want to turn your Colossians chapter three Colossians is in the New Testament you're going to go from a whole bunch of really weird names in the Old Testament like Zechariah. Is not really all that weird but there's a whole bunch of weird ones in there Obadiah and those things and and you're going to Matthew Mark Luke and John K. and then X. Romans first second Corinthians you're going to hit these four little ones Galatians the Fusion's Philippians cautions K. that's where it's at I've told some of you before I remember that because when I grew up General Electric Power Company was the power company for where I grew up right and so to look beyond cautions General Electric Power companies how I remember the order Colossians chapter three that's where we're at and that's where we're going to be this is an important piece of Scripture we're going to start in verse twenty three all right Colossians chapter three we're going to start in verse twenty three work who willingly at whatever you do as though you were working for the. Lord rather than for people remember that the Lord will give you your will the Lord will give you an inheritance is your reward and that the master you are serving is Christ but if you do what is wrong you will be paid back for the wrong you have done for God has no favorites. It's kind of serious again it's kind of a big deal as you look at all of this stuff as you kind of study out what all of this means. But who are we supposed to work for got it's let me ask you this really simple question and I'm not I'll come back to this in just a second Ultimately according to the Scripture then who is your boss because. It's not complicated it's not so you know it's not really even that big of a question. The ultimate boss that we work for is God. We go to work every day. And work for God. This is not me saying you don't have to listen to your earthly boss that's where I was going to go at the beginning like I don't got to listen to you God My boss. Not really a good witness right if we're supposed to work for God we're supposed to be doing good when we go to work right not

being punks All right so this isn't this isn't me being like oh yeah you know don't don't worry about it boss is brief side of relief K. this is not what your pastor are saying OK it is important for us though to understand when we go to work what we're really going there for when we go to work we are going to work as though we will work for God The Lord will give us an inheritance when we serve Christ as a master at work but if we do what what is wrong it doesn't matter what our name is it doesn't matter how long we've been there doesn't matter if we have tenure we're part of a union. God has no favorites. And how we work will be judged simply by how we work that that me changing anything in Scripture that's just what we read in Colossians chapter three. That God has no favorites there's no favoritism. We go to work and we work as though we're working for God Martin Luther the man who spoke spark a Protestant read a reformation I know sometimes you're Martin Luther and people immediately think Martin Luther King Jr It's not I'm talking about this morning Martin Luther. The person who sparked the Reformation says you can milk cows for the glory of God. That's his world OK that's where he lives OK you can milk cow for the glory of God I read another quote that said the word glory conveys the idea of beauty right when you talk about the glory of God It carries with it this idea of beauty OK that's that's one of those things so as we do good work that reflects on God's character we show his beauty People see God Our work is a way to worship God It has intrinsic value and can demonstrate God's character when we do good work face and work are to be seen. Unless work is an expression of our life in Christ right so what's that guy saying he's simply saying that when we do our job well we're demonstrating a quality of God. We're showing people what God looks like in one way. When we do our job well and that does not matter if you are C.E.O. of a Fortune five hundred company or you're cleaning toilets in that building how we do our work. Shows the glory of God. And it's such an important part. Of why we go to work. Someone will inevitably say well my boss is terrible. I work long hard hours never been rewarded never been treated well I've never been given resin recognition they take all of the credit for my good job I'm not trying to make light of any of that that is an incredibly difficult situation. It is very very hard to go through life in those kind of things because a lot of motivation it can cause you to not want to be there at all in the first place that can cause us to begin talking negatively about the people who've been put above us. But what we ultimately need to realize again just like in First Corinthians that we're supposed to talk about or that we just talked about is we're not really working. Just for the boss. We're working for the glory of God Many people that Paul was writing this letter to in Colossians many of the people who would have read it were slaves. And I want to go back to collage and chapter three and I want to read one verse above that and I skipped it on purpose the first time but we're going to come back to a collage instructor three verse twenty two we're going to read all the way through OK Colossians chapter three verse twenty two. Slaves obey your earthly masters and everything you do try to please them all the time not just when they're watching you serve them sincerely because of your reverent fear of the Lord work willingly at whatever you do as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance is your reward and at the master you are serving as Christ but if you do what is wrong you will be paid back for the wrong you have done for God has no favor I understand that life can be difficult I understand that sometimes you can go to work and work for a person that drives you nuts a person that's taking advantage of you a person that just you know your maybe your workplace can be toxic. Most of us in this room have never experienced anything close to being owned by another person though correct and even in that situation even slavery. The standard was work as though you are working for God. For your master is really Jesus. It's tough those can be hard words especially when your job stinks I understand. But who we are as Christians and how we work as Christians is supposed to reflect the glory and the beauty of our Creator. It's not my opinion reading it pretty consistently through Scripture here right old a New Testament a like pretty common theme OK we're at Second Corinthians five eighteen we're all missionaries when we go to work we need to understand that we are not there just by accident we are a missionary at that place we are there to show the light of Jesus all right that doesn't mean you stop doing your job and you just start preaching Jesus on the corner right we still have a job to do but we are meant to be missionaries we

are all God's workers and first Corinthians three nineteen and we are all called as worshipers Listen here's one of the dangers that can happen in a church setting right we come into this place and we're all hanging out on Sunday morning and then somebody Chris sort of sherry or me or Jess or whoever gets up there Mandy somebody gets up there and starts singing a song and we call that worship. Right and there's nothing wrong with that worst we're to sing hymns in and songs and all of those things the Bible tells us all those all those things are good things but what happens is because we call that worship that's what we think of as worship and we even call those people worship leaders right right they're going to lead the worship and that's not a bad description I'm not trying to run down anything that's that's what they're trying to do they're trying to lead the body in worship but we have this narrow scope of worship as music in the church sometimes and when we talk about worship that's all we think about is music and that is a very narrow and incorrect definition of all that worship should entail and if you think of somebody else as a worship or if you think it's only my job as a pastor to. People in worship if you think it's only my job as a pastor to be a worker for the Kingdom of God then you're selling yourself short because God didn't just call pastors to do the work of God Read through these verses read through Second Corinthians five eighteen read through first Corinthians three nine you will see that we are all called to the same thing. To work for the Kingdom of God. And to bring other people to Jesus one of my favorite quotes is by Charles Spurgeon and I'm going to kill it this morning because I don't have it in front of me but I love it he talks about how if people are going to hell if people are if you believe in the Bible and you believe in a literal heaven and hell OK and if people are going to hell he said let it be past all of the things that we can do to stop them let us be holding on to their ankles as they are dragging us there let it be through the parade the prayers of saints and the witness of his people and I'm killin the quote but that's the gist of it OK how we work is vitally important to that. Ever walked into a place and seen somebody do a terrible job and your first thought was. Christian ever been there most of you probably have. Most of you probably walked in and been like ah it really bugs me that the worst worker in this whole place love the tell people about Jesus why why does that bother us so much because we understand intrinsically that that's a bad representation of God. That's a bad representation of who he is it's not about us well we don't want the worst workers in the world to represent Jesus it's amazing how we notice it in everybody else sometimes listen I'm not here to beat anybody over the head with anything and tell you you're all doing a bad job I do not believe that at all that is not my heart it's not where I'm at it's not what I believe but what I am saying is day in and day out regardless of situation regardless of circumstance when we work we don't just work for a paycheck that's a nice benefit right most of us wouldn't work tooth and nail for nothing. Some of you do it's called volunteer work. Parenting nice. There's little bit of rewards Hopefully they turn into decent human beings right. Most of us go to work and a big part of that is to bring home a paycheck we go to work we're represent Jesus but just by the very nature of how we work we're showing people what we believe about God. And it's such a vitally important thing I just want to read a couple more verses again and it's kind of the theme for this whole thing because really it's the greatest commandments right Matthew chapter twenty two verses thirty six through forty. Matthew twenty two verses thirty six through forty eight to turn a little bit more toward the front of the Bible if you're still in collections verse thirty six teacher which is the most important commandment in the Law of Moses sees it sees these people live by the law right and they're trying to trick him which is the most important man you're not supposed to have a favorite right they're all supposed to be important which is the most important commandment they ask Jesus and Jesus stands it on its head and verse thirty seven he says you must love the Lord your God with all your heart with all your soul and all your mind this is the first and greatest commandment and first thirty nine A second is equally important love your neighbor as yourself the entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these things listen what Jesus is saying is all of the rules all of the rules in the Bible from here to here can be summed up with love God and love people if you would truly love God and love people and you'll do everything this tells you to do just by nature. If you really love God and love people this isn't hard but most of us have a tendency to separate our work from these kind of the things right we love God

we love people as long as we're not at work then it's harder and listen it is can be a difficult situation like I said some of you work for tyrants some of you work for tyrants who claim Christ. Some of you are bosses and you're most frustrating employees are people who claim the name of Jesus that should not be. This is not me saying by the way to an employee or to a boss that you have no right to fire anybody OK you can love God love people and still say you're not doing your job or we just can't afford to keep you or whatever OK we'll be honest be hardworking should be people who work for the glory of God. But it is vitally important for us. To love. And to love people I could talk we could do an entire series not just a message on on bosses and employees you could we could go through file Eamonn we could go through Titus we could go through all of these different chapters and we could see over and over and over again that's not really the weight of what I want to talk about though because I truly believe if you are a boss or you are employee and you begin to understand that you work for God first and a company second then it changes the dynamic it changes our heart it changes our methods it changes what we do and things get better. Your boss still might be a jerk an employer might still be a jerk but our focus is different love. And love people. The entire law and profits hangs on these two statements whether you enjoy your job or not I hope you have a job you love you love I hope you have a job that that provides some sort of satisfaction with you some of you don't some of you work a job that you really can't stand when you go in day in and day out. Because bills need paid and those kind of things and listen props to you. For going in and work in a job that's tough but you're just not going on but your responsibilities go. But when you go into that top job who are you working for What's Your attitude supposed to be about super important questions as we do life together so we simply go through life together. If you're in this place I know we haven't talked specifically about Jesus on the cross in the message today but we believe in this place that Jesus came to this earth he lived he taught ultimately he died on a cross and he rose again so that we could be made right with him. The Bible's pretty clear as you read through it that that happens and we believe the Bible strew. The Bible also talks about how to accept Jesus weak knowledge were sinners we believe God is who he says he is we confess our sins to him were made right before God It's not complicated it's not difficult. We don't like to meet together in a group place I mean it might only be three or four times a year where we don't actually go through just what we're going through today I don't know all of you well enough to know whether or not you made these decisions. So if you're in this place and you've never chosen Jesus we believe that you can be safe from your sins you can spend eternity with heaven in a very simple wail with what we just talked about it's not us that does that it's God If you've never done that we're going to be a chance in just a second to make that commitment maybe you're in this place and you've been gone through life. It's been tough but you know you've been doing your own thing maybe something happened along the way. And it shifted your focus and rather than living for God and end. And through and with. You've been living just for you you've been just trying to sustain things but you know that your life isn't what it's supposed to be and this morning you want to see that change for any of you it's just a second talk you got some ask everybody put their head down closer eyes and I call you up here not going to make you not going to embarrass you I just simply want to know we're going to say a prayer together if this is you if you're in this place and you've never chosen Jesus and this morning you're ready you know that's where you need to be and you're ready like you just raise your hand and want to pray with you is there anybody you've never done this before and this morning you're ready to choose you just slip a hand in the air we're not going to wait long I don't like to motivate out of guilt. Or trying to talk people into things because if I can talk you into something somebody else can talk you out of it this is a matter between you and God or anybody at all. Or I will move the second question is there anybody in here you've been following Jesus in the past but lately it's been all about you you know that your life isn't what it's supposed to be like. And this morning you want to see that change so that anybody in this place you raise a hand up and pray with you you've got one hand in the air you can put it down is there anybody else right we've got to go on you can put them down or anybody else and you're just another second. All right you can look at me for just a second here's what we're going to do I don't know if you all know how to pray I don't know where you're all at in that so I'm

just going to say a prayer and if you raise your hand I want to repeat after me all right mean these words believe these things were allowed Jesus to work in your heart all right if you're in this place and you've chosen Jesus before I'd ask you to repeat after me as well just so we can have this so it's not for people amongst this whole room talking are I was going to take some of the edge off that way if you're in this place and you not chosen Jesus and you're not ready to choose Jesus I want you to understand we don't want to make you do anything you don't have to repeat after me you sit there we believe that this is between you and God not just between you and me that's not how we work here so by all means we'd actually prefer you not to promise something you don't mean than to have you promise something and break it all right so you can sit there and you can be quiet no one wants to make you do anything if you've not chosen Jesus we're going to pray for you we believe it's the best thing for you but we can't make you do something like that right so if you raise your hand or you're a follower of Jesus in this place I want you to repeat after me all right Jesus. Thank you. Thank you for dying for me you see in my life. And lately you know it's not what it's supposed to be I see it Jesus. Forgive me. I'm going to walk in step with you I want to be with you you are good. And man. And man I want you to know I counted a great privilege as a pastor to be able to do those kind of things if you just said that said that prayer I want you to talk to the person who brought you if you have questions come and talk to me and if you've got questions we would love to answer any any questions you might still have about faith and about those kind of things you want to purge you want to ask one more thing today and I'm not going to do what I usually do a lot of times at this point I make people stand up and you know do those things but I'm going to leave this little bit more between you and. You're in this place and there's only two types of people in here now people that know love Jesus and are doing their best to follow and more people who don't and aren't ready yet right this all into groups I'm just going to talk to the first group for a little while so if you're in here and you're not ready to follow Jesus what I'm about to say really doesn't pertain to you much right now and I want you to just zone out but this is really for another group of people this morning. Maybe you're in here and you know you know. That your attitude when you go to work is not one of the supposed to be for whatever reason. I'm not going to try and sit here and list them all you know the reason. But you know that when you go to work you are not working for God. You are showing up there's more. We're called to more as Christians again this is not my opinion we just spent a lot of time this morning looking through all these verses in the book my challenge to you is if you are not going to work and working for God. I'm going to challenge you this morning to start praying that God would change your heart and you would let him because God is not just going to like Zap Oh now I love my job. You're going to have to choose some things you're going to have to choose to do some things different to view things differently maybe a change in attitude maybe you all somebody an apology. Maybe somebody owes you an apology and you're just going to get over it. And you're going to forgive people anyway. Because they're not going to apologize to you I can't control their actions and neither can you I'm not going to ask for raising hands not going to ask for people to stand up this morning I just simply want you to ponder that thought. My going to work every day to work for God and the second question is very similar when people see me work what am I teaching them about God It's not complicated. It's not super crazy this morning. When I go to work in my working for God and when people see my work what am I teaching them about right and I pray. You take that to God yourself OK Jesus you're good. Thank you for your word I thank you that your word doesn't just speak to the high heavens but God You have given instructions for regular people doing regular things going through life I thank you God that even though sometimes it's hard to follow your word we're given instructions it's in there. We can serve you and follow you well and God I understand that some people in this place are in a just rough situation with work and I pray that you speak to their heart help them to heal help them to forgive help in the Do I need to be done I pray for every one of us in this place it's a follower of you. Help us understand who are really working for. Help us to represent you well as we work your good will trust in you a man. Have an awesome afternoon.