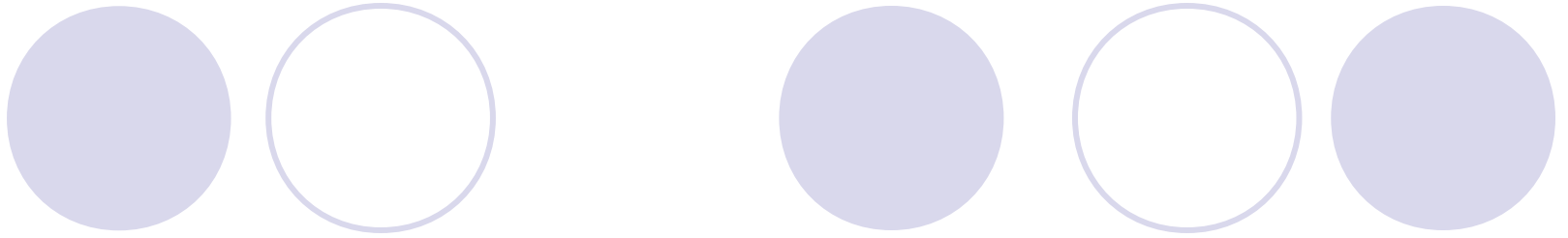


Being vs. Doing: The desire
of God for relationship with us.

Matthew 3:16-4:7

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- **16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him.**
- **17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."**



1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

3 The tempter came to him and said, "**If you are the Son of God**, tell these stones to become bread."

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: '**Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.**'"



5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"



Gen 16:1-6

1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian maidservant named Hagar;

2 so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my maidservant; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said.



3 So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, **Sarai his wife took her Egyptian maidservant Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife.**

4 He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress.



5 Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my servant in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the LORD judge between you and me."

6 "Your servant is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her.



- We are driven by function instead of relationship. Our temptation to find role-affirmation, self-identity, value, meaning, and purpose through our function
However, it is not about our efforts or function but what God does in us when we are in a loving, receptive, responsive relationship with him. All of our functions for God must flow from our relationship with him.



Deut 8:1-14

This section in Deuteronomy starts out so functional. Do this certain results will follow.

1 Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers.



But then it turns so relational

2 Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.

3 **He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

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Then it goes on to say what God did.

7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land-- a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills;

8 a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey;



9 a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

11 Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God



Deut 8:12-20

12 Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down,

13 and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied,

14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.



15 He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock.

16 He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you.

17 You may say to yourself, "**My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.**"



18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

19 If you ever forget the LORD your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed.

20 Like the nations the LORD destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not obeying the LORD your God.



Closing: Being vs. Doing

- **God loves you because you are his child not by your human standards of function or success.**
- **God is the one who brings blessing.**
- **God wants to be our source of daily manna.**
- **Trust the Lord with your calling He will bring it to pass.**