

## Recognize

- ❖ One of the most challenging things you will face in your life is you.
  - Recognizing who God is
  - Recognizing who you are
  - Recognizing that you are not always right
  - Recognizing that you are in your own way
  - Recognizing that you have not surrendered

## God Can Not Be Separated from His Word

- ❖ It is settled forever – Luke 21:33
  - God is the Word and the Word is God – John 1:1
    - He will perform His Word – Jer. 1:12
  - God inspired the Word to be written by men – 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; Exo. 34:27
    - God is still speaking – Deut. 25:4
- ❖ The Word of God supersedes man's knowledge
  - Isa. 40:22 – written 2,800 years ago
  - Job. 26:7 – written 4,000 years ago
- ❖ Negating the Power of the Word is negating the Power of God – Heb. 4:12; Isa. 29:13
  - Mark 7:6-13
  - 1 John 5:9-12; John 1:18; Hebrews 1:1-4

## Who God Is

- ❖ God has never been confused about who He is – Isaiah 43:10; 44:6-8
- ❖ God is the only True God – John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 8:5-6
- ❖ God will not share His worship – Exo. 34:14; Luke 4:8
- ❖ Some reasons people worship false gods:
  - We do not know the True God – Galatians 4:8-9; Jude 1:25
  - Lack of teaching – Psa. 86:8-10; 2 Tim. 3:16; Gal. 1:6-9
  - When we know Him, we refuse to worship Him – Rom. 1:21-25
    - Worship must be as defined by God and not us – John 4:21-23
  - We leave ourselves open to deception – Deut. 11:16-28; Deut. 30:17; 1 Cor. 10:14; 1 John 5:21
  - It is justified by others – Exo. 20:3; Exo. 32:1-21
    - What others hear as praise may well be the sound of war in the camp – Exo. 32:17
  - There haven't been consequences yet –

## We Are Called to Conform to Christ's Image and Not Our Own

- ❖ We are not to conform to the world – Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Pet. 1:13-16 (KJV & MSG)
  - What is good and acceptable and perfect
- ❖ We must die to ourselves and our wills – Gal. 2:20
- ❖ Jesus is the Image of God – Col. 1:9-18
- ❖ Conforming to the Image of Christ requires putting on the new man – Eph. 4:24; Eph. 2:1-10
- ❖ Conforming requires humbling and yielding to God – Phil. 2:5-11