

John 4:34 NIV "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work."

Did you ever stop to think that everything from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21 deals with the plan of God for you and me? He tells us of a single, former creation that He focused on before us and now uses for His greater plan. He also shows us that there is much more that will be happening after He is finished with our processing.

Now, some of you may have fully understood that long ago, but it is becoming pretty important to me only recently. Maybe this granite between my shoulders is pretty hard, but I think that the Lord is finally getting through.

Think this through with me. Could it be that you and I have become so involved with the day-to-day circumstances of our lives that we really haven't heard the very point that our God was making when He had His authors write His Words down? Could we be so busy discerning every jot and tittle of what they said that we have overlooked the essence of the heart of our Father?

A whole universe was set in motion and the planet that we call earth was created so that our feet would have a place to rest. A whole new world will be created after we have no more need for this one. That's some pretty heavy information we have been given. To have set that all in motion tells me that our Father in heaven is pretty much involved with "us guys."

For many years, the prominent phrase traveling through the church was "it's all about Jesus," meaning that our life is not about us, but about Him and what is important to Him. What I hadn't understood fully was the fact that God's life *has* been focused on each one of us for this time in His history because His heart is that none should perish. (The problem arose when individuals in the church took the fact of God's love for man and consumed it upon themselves, but didn't carry it further by allowing that love to flow to those around them and bring others to Him.) In other words, it's wonderful that He may be all about us - keep that in the context of this message - but we can't be all about us. If we really understood the fact that our God truly has our best interests in mind, it should spawn a vibrant love within each of us just waiting to be unleashed at every opportunity.

If it is true that God's life *has* been centered around our best interests as part of this creation, if some of our Lord's incredibly precious time – the Lord of everything who left everything and came to earth to die for our benefit - was taken so that we might have a way to be delivered from the horrible prospect of being separated from God, then I would think that each of us should place a little more importance on that purpose also, wouldn't you? How do we do that? Once again, intimacy with the Lord is the key. If we truly know Him, how can we not burst forth with an eagerness to share Him with others so that they might know Him, too!

Is it not time for us to get in line with God's desires? Should we not care about what He cares about? Let's truly get to know Him so that we can't help but share Him, allowing others the opportunity to come into His fullness, too! It seems pretty important to God, doesn't it?

Turn me back to you, Lord – Jim Corbett