



# Seeking Our Father's Approval

*Ephesians 2:4-7*

# We All Seek Approval

A grayscale image of several hands stacked together, symbolizing support and approval. The hands are of various sizes and are positioned in a way that suggests a supportive grip or a stack of hands. The background is dark, making the lighter tones of the hands stand out.

- It is natural to seek acceptance from . . .
  - Parents.
  - Children.
  - Friends.
  - Family.
  - Strangers.

# Whose Approval?

- Seeking acceptance can lead us to...
  - Follow the wrong people. *Cf. 1 Cor 15:33*
    - ❖ *Terrible influences. Prov 1:8-19*
    - ❖ *Religious error. 2 Pet 2:1-3*
  - Rejecting God's word. *John 12:42-43*
  - Making poor choices. *Gal 2:11-14*
  - Turning away from God. *James 4:4*

# Whose Approval Matters Most?

- **God the Father.**
  - For God so loved the world... *John 3:16-18*
    - ❖ God is rich in mercy. *Eph 2:4-7*

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- **God the Father.**
  - We are to LOVE Him above all else.
    - ❖ Greatest command. ***Mark 12:29-31***
    - ❖ We are not to love the world.  
***1 John 2:15-17***

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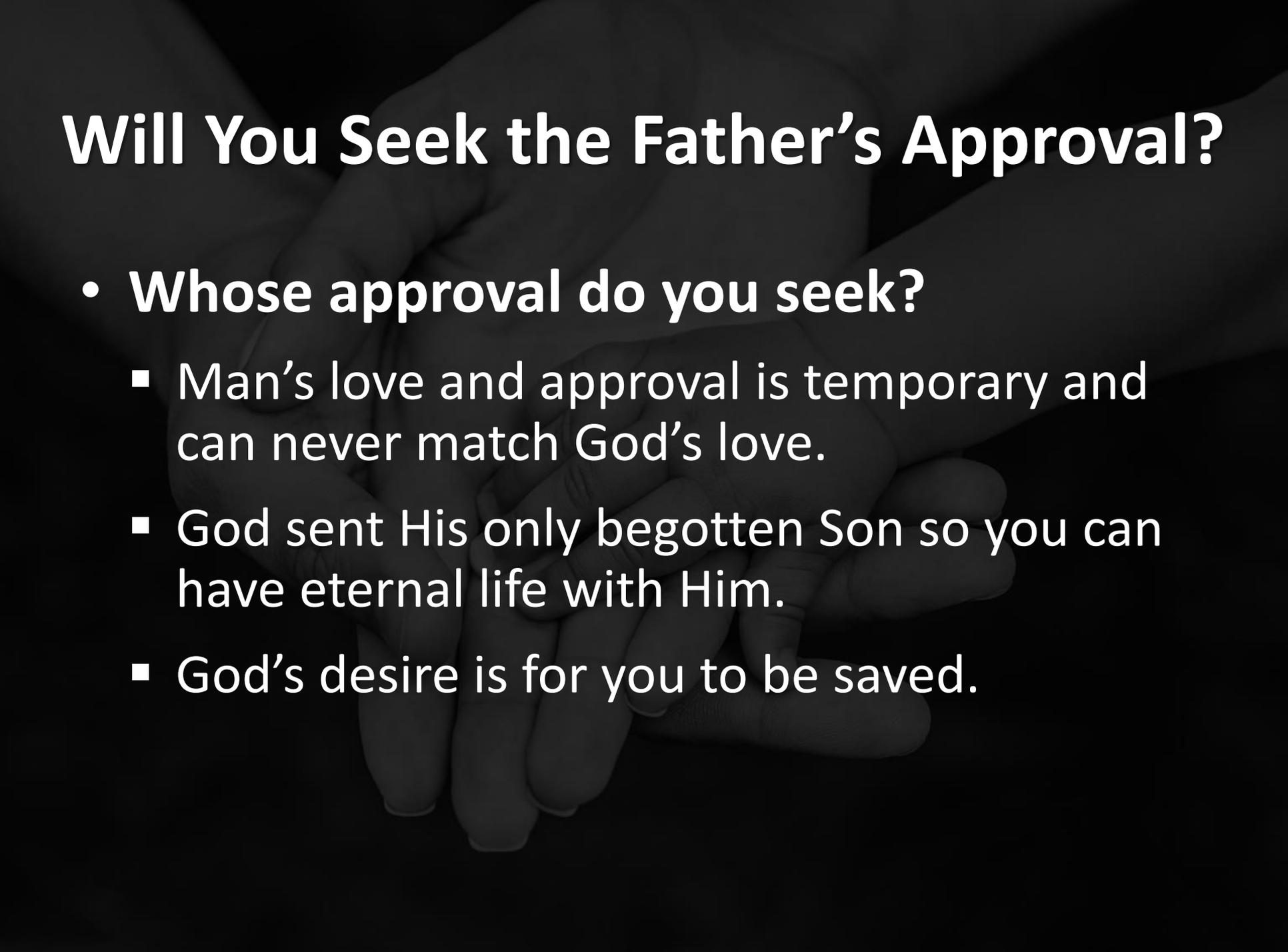
- **God the Father.**
  - We are to SERVE Him above all else.
    - ❖ We cannot serve both God and the world.  
*Matt 6:24*
    - ❖ We are servants of righteousness.  
*Rom 6:15-18*

# Whose Approval Matters Most?

- **God the Father.**
  - We are to PLEASE Him above all else.
    - ❖ Living by faith. *Heb 11:6*
    - ❖ Being transformed. *Rom 12:1-2*

# Will You Seek the Father's Approval?

- Consider three examples to follow:
  - Joshua. *Josh 24:14-15*
  - Moses. *Heb 11:24-26*
  - The apostles. *John 6:66-69*



# Will You Seek the Father's Approval?

- **Whose approval do you seek?**
  - Man's love and approval is temporary and can never match God's love.
  - God sent His only begotten Son so you can have eternal life with Him.
  - God's desire is for you to be saved.