

Sermon Title: "The Power of One"

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Scriptures:

Psalm 27:4, Matthew 6:33, Philippians 3:13-14

Summary:

Our lives are filled with so much and our attention is required by so many issues, people and things – all competing with urgency for top billing in the theatre of our lives. Pastor warned that if we are not careful we will completely lose ourselves to the people who would arrogate to themselves that ability to know better than you how to be the best you that you can be. If you listen to too many voices, no matter how well intentioned, you will lose yourself and your internal sense of how to organize your life for maximum fulfillment and highest joy.

So, with all the stuff we're called upon to do, how do you decide what to do first? How do you decide what to do at all? Pastor Warnock went on to say there's some stuff we need to put on the back burner and other stuff we need to just burn up!

Given the complex ties, the complications, the confusion and the chaos of our times, what is it that can cause our lives to hold together so we don't collapse under the pressure of all that demands our attention? What's the glue, how do you hold it all together and what do you focus on?

David was mentioned as an example – he struggled with that question. He accomplished so many things but he wasn't perfect – he had issues and yet the Bible says David was a man after God's own heart. David's life boiled down to one thing – a deep relationship with God. David knew "The Power of One."

WHAT IS THE POWER OF ONE AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. Giving your life over to one thing – the one God who made you and the one God who saved you and the one God who woke you up this morning and started you on your way, the one God who can redeem you and liberate you.
2. God wants all of you, not part of you, not some of the time but all of the time.
3. If you ever discover the power of one, God will do exceedingly and abundantly and above anything you could ever ask or imagine – if you would just surrender all to Jesus.
4. You gotta give God and trust God with ALL in order to be whole – it's a journey

Hopefully, we can all say as Pastor Warnock said, "I'm not all I ought to be, but thank God I'm not what I used to be, everyday striving to be 100%, (99.5% won't do)." He went on to say if we seek God first, everything else will be added; **Joy** will be added, **Power** will be added, **Peace** will be added, **Security** will be added.

Discussion Questions:

1. What did you learn about God in the sermon scriptures and Pastor Warnock's message?
2. What did you learn about yourself?
3. How will you apply the message to your life going forward?