**Living in the World (Part 2)**

One of the most difficult things we face as we try to live for Christ is the constant pressures around us to be the way of the world.

**How do these pressures impact you?**

Going a Different Direction In a world focused on pleasing “yourself” and putting “you” first”, our call to be light in the darkness demonstrates the dramatic difference that should be seen in the life of a believer (Eph. 5:8).

Just as light and darkness do not mix, neither should our life with the way of the world (note Eph. 2:1-10; 4:17-24 read this with a grown up).

The ultimate question we have to ask ourselves concerning the direction of our lives is, “what do we love?” Our passion will drive the ideas we have.

When we try and “fit in” we only show that our passion for the world is greater than our passion for Christ. And just like light and darkness, these two passions cannot coexist (I John 2:15).

Reading with a grown up time -

> What does Matt. 6:24 say concerning our love for God?

It needs to be wholehearted; we cannot split our love. Standing Strong through the Pressure Our love for God will bring about choices to live our lives for Him! In a world where living for God is not always popular, we must be prepared to stand strong when facing opposition:

> Determine to live for Christ and be committed to Him (Joshua 24:15).

> Establish yourself as a leader who sets the example, not a follower who gives into pressure (I Tim. 4:12).

> Prepare yourself for each day (Eph. 6:11). Look to Christ for strength and wisdom to make good decisions.

As a believer, you must look to make an impact for Christ on others, or else others will make an impact on you!

Prayer time –

Please remember – the church family, your family, people in Beirut and people escaping war, slavery and fear. Amen