



# Game Changer

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## 1. The Evolution of Religion

*When they heard the sound of God strolling in the garden in the evening breeze, the Man and his Wife hid in the trees of the garden, hid from God.*

*God called to the Man: "Where are you?"*

*He said, "I heard you in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked. And I hid."*

– *Genesis 3:8 (MSG)*

**Mixing the temple model with the Jesus model is not what Jesus intended.  
Abandoning the temple model is a game changer!**

## 2. The problem with the temple model

*For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.*

– *Hosea 6:6 (NIV)*

**Temple thinking gravitates towards rules and rituals and  
is more about you than about God.**

## 3. The game changer

*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.*

– *John 15:12 (NIV)*

**Jesus taught that once you place your faith in Christ,  
the question of where you stand with God has been answered.  
The focus is no longer on you but on God and the people around you.**

## 4. The big change

*When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne.*

– *Matthew 25:31 (NIV)*

**If you are living with the temple model, your question is "Am I alright with God?"  
If you choose the Jesus model, your question is  
"What does love require of me today?"**

**What does love require of you today?**