

One Thing  
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"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." He created everything. And after He created each thing He "saw that it was good" and then He created the next. He created man and woman. When He was finally done creating He left one thing unfinished. Now this is important because it directly impacts you and I. The only unfinished thing He created was our free will.

The Navajo's believe that they should never weave a perfect rug. They intentionally leave one small area imperfect. Because only God can make something which is perfect. And yet, even God decided to leave one thing unperfected. And here is why.

When you shampoo your hair it feels good. Your fingers working up a good lather, scratching where it itches, the warm water rinsing away the dust of the day. BUT, when someone else washes your hair for you, well, that is something else, isn't it?! Why is it so different? Same skin, same fingers, same hair, same shampoo, same pressure, same itches getting met. Yet, it is profoundly different. That is because you are being loved by someone and they are manifesting that caring and love in a physical way.

God could have finished the job of creation by not giving us free will. He could have just made us love Him. But on one level, compared to the free will choice, it is severely lacking. As an example, one of the most heinous crimes is when a man kidnaps a young woman and locks her up in his house to be a slave. He will feed her, clothe her, provide shelter, heat and light. But he does not love her in the normal sense of the word. And though she is well provided for, she cannot love him. She has no free will to do anything including the free will to love. His demand is to be loved but this she cannot do.

God loved us enough to give us almost complete freedom. We are constrained by physical needs. (Note - often what we perceive as those needs are far larger than their reality.) But we are not constrained from or to love someone or something in an absolute sense that we have no choice. For that reason, when Jesus was asked which two laws were the most important He said, Love God and Love Your Neighbor. He was pointing out our free will and calling us to do the right thing, the One Thing, about that will.

Of all the things in your life, Love is the one thing over which you have complete control, all the time. You may be beset by difficulties, money problems, personal attacks, legal issues, struggles with other people, and disease; but you are still fully in charge of how you love others and how you love God. It is the one choice you can consistently make to greatly impact others and impact your relationship with Him. He left it unfinished so that you can do the One Thing that He designed you to do.

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