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In the movie *The Lion King*, King Mufasa shows young Simba the whole kingdom of Pride Rock. After recounting the event later to his uncle Scar, young Simba says, “I’m gonna be king of Pride Rock . . . my dad just showed me the whole kingdom. And I’m gonna rule it all.”

While this is just a movie, we can relate to young Simba’s desire to rule. It is even more appropriate for us to have the same wonderful aspiration: *to rule it all*.

That’s right, God created us to rule. Ruling is where glory to God finds its ultimate expression. Ruling done God’s way is glory for Him because it expresses His attributes and the purpose for which He created us.  
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When young Simba lost his way and forgot his purpose, Mufasa came to him in a dream vision and said, “You have forgotten who you are and so forgotten me. Look inside yourself. You are more than what you have become. You must take your place in the circle of life.” We have been created for a purpose and we must not forget who we are. We were created to rule and the promise to do so still remains.

We must take our place. It’s our *Majestic Destiny!*  
p. 79

(Exploring the Mind & Heart of the Prince of Preachers: Five-thousand illustrations under one-thousand topical headings from the works of C. H. Spurgeon by C. H. Spurgeon) Oswego, IL: Fox River Press. Copyright– Fox River Press, 2005.

“I came, I saw, I conquered,” is a line which will be quoted to the end of time. Such is the life of our Lord Jesus, from the cross onward. 1928.602  
p. 101

I wish that our ministry—that mine especially—might be tied and tethered to the cross. I have no other subject to set before you but Jesus only. 1940.25

Leave out the cross, and you have killed the religion of Jesus. Atonement by the blood of Jesus is not an arm of Christian truth; it is the heart of it. 1971.375  
p. 101

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Reducing the whole matter to individual terms, we arrive at some vital and highly personal conclusions. In the moral conflict now raging around us, whoever is on God’s side is on the winning side and cannot lose; whoever is on the other side is on the losing side and cannot win. Here there is no chance, no gamble. There is freedom to choose which side we shall be on but no freedom to negotiate the results of the choice once it is made. By the mercy of God we may repent a wrong choice and alter the consequences by making a new and right choice. Beyond that we cannot go.  
p. 34

(Radical: Taking Back Your Faith From the American Dream by David Platt)  
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One preacher described it as if you and I were standing a short hundred yards away from a dam of water ten thousand miles high and ten thousand miles wide. All of a sudden that dam was breached, and a torrential flood of water came crashing toward us. Right before it reached our feet, the ground in front of us opened up and swallowed it all. At the Cross, Christ drank the full cup of the wrath of God, and when he had downed the last drop, he turned the cup over and cried out, “It is finished.”  
 p. 36

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Laden with guilt and full of fears, I saw my Saviour as my Substitute, and I laid my hand upon Him; oh! how timidly at first, but courage grew and confidence was confirmed until I leaned my soul entirely upon Him; and now it is my unceasing joy to know that my sins are no longer imputed to me, but laid on Him, and like the debts of the wounded traveller, Jesus, like the good Samaritan, has said of all my future sinfulness, “Set that to My account.”  
 Blessed discovery! Eternal solace of a grateful heart!

“My numerous sins transferr’d to Him,  
 Shall never more be found,  
 Lost in His blood’s atoning stream,  
 Where every crime is drown’d!”

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The person of Jesus is the quiet resting-place of His people, and when we draw near to Him in the breaking of bread, in the hearing of the word, the searching of the Scriptures, prayer, or praise, we find any form of approach to Him to be the return of peace to our spirits.

“I hear the words of love, I gaze upon the blood,  
I see the mighty sacrifice, and I have peace with God.  
‘Tis everlasting peace, sure as Jehovah’s name,  
‘Tis stable as His steadfast throne, for evermore the same.  
The clouds may go and come, and storms may sweep my sky,  
This blood-sealed friendship changes not, the cross is’  
ever nigh.”

p. 689

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*How deep the Father’s love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.*

Stuart Townend

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I find myself praying with **EUGENE PETERSON**:

(A Year With Jesus: Daily Readings and Meditations by Eugene H. Peterson)  
San Francisco, CA: HarperCollins. Copyright– Eugene H. Peterson,  
2006.

*Too much of my life, Lord, is lived under the fearful aspect of what others think and do; stand with me and dissolve my fears, freeing me to live in your peace. Amen.*

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**CONCLUSION:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Is Christ in first place in my life?

LESSON #2: Do you have enough confidence in the Lord to turn it all over to Him?

LESSON #3: John 1:14: “And the word [Jesus Christ] was made flesh and tabernacled (or dwelt) among us.”

LESSON #4: The babe in Bethlehem’s manger is the God who created the heavens and the earth.

LESSON #5: Jesus Christ created the world for Himself. It is His house. He drew up the plans and brought it into being.

LESSON #6: Christ is responsible for all of creation. His name appears on all of it. Just like the artist’s name on a painting or the author’s name upon a book.

LESSON #7: In Him, as the originating source, all things were created. And through Him all things were created. And for Him all things were created.

LESSON #8: The God of Genesis 1 is the babe of Matthew 1.

LESSON #9: The helm of the universe is held by the hands which were pierced for us.

















I would like to conclude this study by singing one of those great old hymns:

**O Worship the King**

Sir Robert H. Grant

O worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender! How firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend. Amen.

(“O Worship the King” by Sir Robert H. Graham. #1, *The New Church Hymnal*) Newbury Park, CA: Lexicon Music, Inc. Copyright – Lexicon Music, Inc., 1976)