

WHAT IS YOUR AGENDA?

EXPLORING THE TOPIC OF WHAT DELIGHTS OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

I adore pleasing those I love. When I cook the right meal, make the right plans, choose the right gift or say the right thing that delights the one I love, I feel fulfilled. On Episode 137 of the *More Than a Song Podcast*, we use Tenth Avenue North's song, "What You Want," as a catalyst to consider not just what God wants from us, but what He delights in.

Exploring a topic like this sends us throughout God's Word. Use the guide below to assist you in that journey.

In the New Testament, the Greek word I studied was *eudokeó* (pronounced yoo-dok-eh'-o) and it means "I am well-pleased, think it good, am resolved."

Find a word that intrigues you & examine each time it is used.

- God delights in His Son. (Matthew 3:17, Matthew 12:18, Matthew 17:5, Mark 1:11, Luke 3:22)
- The Father is pleased to give us the kingdom (Luke 12:32)
- God is pleased to save people through the gospel message (1 Corinthians 1:21)
- The Father was pleased to reveal Jesus to Paul (Galatians 1:15)

In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word I studied was *chaphets* (pronounced khaw-fates') and it means "desire, delight, take pleasure in, pleased with."

Make a list of things that delights your Heavenly Father

- God delights in loyalty rather than sacrifice (Hosea 6:6)
- God does not delight in human strength, but favors those who fear Him (Psalm 147:10-11)
- Father God does not delight in the death of a sinner (Ezekiel 18:32, 33:11)
- Our Heavenly Father delights in loving-kindness, justice, and righteousness (Jeremiah 9:24)
- God doesn't delight in wicked sacrifice, but gives a whole list of alternatives (Isaiah 1:16-17)
- Father God delights in right sacrifices (Psalm 51:17-19)

Read all of Hosea in light of Hosea 6:6 that reveals that God delights in our loyalty and being known by us. With a broken and contrite heart pray this:

- Lord, show me where I have betrayed you
- God, show me where I have elevated anything above you
- Father, show me the ways I have misunderstood you, mischaracterized you, and all-in-all failed to really KNOW you
- Lord, show me how to bring you delight. May I delight in YOU!

Don't forget to listen for the answers! Write them down!