

# THE FIVE KINGS: PART TWO

*Comparison & Man-pleasing*

*Joshua*

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## KEY SCRIPTURES

- [Joshua 10](#)
- [Galatians 1:10](#)
- [1 Thessalonians 2:4](#)
- [John 12:43](#)
- [Proverbs 29:25](#)
- [Colossians 3:23](#)
- [2 Corinthians 10:12](#)
- [Proverbs 14:30](#)
- [Romans 12:6](#)
- [Psalm 138:8](#)
- [2 Corinthians 3:17-18](#)

## KEY POINTS

- This week, we are taking another unwanted king/queen out from the cave.
- Simply put, man-pleasing is desiring to please man more than God.
- Man-pleasing can be rooted in rejection, father wounds, competition, or a chronic need to be affirmed.
- A gift of mercy or helps can sometimes be overextended leading to a desire to be needed by others. This can cause relational problems at home as well as your own physical and mental health.
- You cannot serve two masters, otherwise you will be double minded.
- Comparing ourselves to others causes us to minimize our own uniqueness.
- God has fashioned us all as one of a kind. We should find contentment and joy in who we are becoming like. (Jesus)
- Comparison is one of the tricks our adversary can use against us. If he can get us to focus on what is going well in others' lives over our own, he can get us to question the goodness of God in our life.
- Comparison blinds us from being able to see and use the gifts that he has placed in us.
- We are one of a kind; there is no one else like us and we were each created with a purpose.

## DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever dealt with man-pleasing or comparison? Please discuss.
2. How did you resonate or connect to those who shared?
3. How can these false kings/queens keep us from intimacy with Jesus and others?
4. How can applying 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 help us to overcome?