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# RE- FLECTING GOD

11/15/12 - How Do You Say "I Love You"?

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Matthew 6:16-24

I was born in a foreign country to U.S. citizens. This means that for the first 18 years of my life I had dual citizenship. I used to fantasize about leaving my very familiar (boring) home and living in this other, exotic place. I read the tourist books and dreamed of all the fun I could have. But then my 18th birthday came and I had to choose to which country I would pledge my allegiance. In those days, young men confirmed their intentions by registering for the draft. We declared our allegiance by promising to protect and serve our country.

I think Jesus had something similar in mind when he said, "You cannot serve both God and money." At some point we have to pledge our allegiance to the kingdom of God or the kingdoms of this world. The way we do this is through service.

What do you really think about the kingdom of God? Are you a tourist who's only interested in the fun you can have? Or have you come to the place where you're devoted to its good? Have you chosen to serve God with all your heart?