

LIVE INTERVIEW WITH LISA WHITTLE

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#1: The premise of Jesus Over Everything is that we all want simpler lives, and we all want Jesus to be first, but we struggle to do both. Why do you think there is such a struggle there?

How sick of our lives being complicated are we?

The world preaches a "me first" message.

We don't understand the correlation between our lives being complicated and our mixed-up priority order.

#2: You share about "deadly overs:" over-doing, over-apologizing, over-explaining, over-analyzing and over-working. Help us get to know you and be real -- Which deadly over is hardest for you?

Find the quiz at lisawhittle.com/joe

#3: "Love is not being passive so we can gather likes and cheers. It is loving people enough to lose popularity."
- Let's talk about that.

We don't know how to love people through things.

Refusing to speak truth is really self-preservation - we think people like us more when we don't tell them hard things.

Love is not standing by in passivity.

When you let people continue on in error - how much do you really love them? Love and truth cannot be separated in Christ. - MM

#4: Wanting to exercise your gifts is not self-serving. Wanting people to love you because of it is. - Go.

Do not confuse a passion to use our gifts with a desire to just be seen.

Do I want to be liked/known/noticed/seen, or do I want to use my gifts?

When it's an outside factor that we're trying to measure up to, it's a sign that we need to take a step back.

The only way to know that is if you're walking with the Lord.

How do you respond when there is no feedback? - MM

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There is always a struggle at some point when you're using your gifts.

Jesus is interested in what you're going to do with what you have right now.

#5: We live in a microwave society - we want it all and we want it now. One thing you write is, "What if we don't know the good stuff because God hasn't gotten us to sit still long enough to get us there?" Give some encouragement to the one who feels like she has never stayed anywhere long enough to really see how God can use her.

The perfect time for a positive life change is always right now.

If we waste time lamenting on the past, we can't get busy with what's ahead.

If you truly want your life to be less complicated and you really want to get on with what God has called you to do, then you won't wait another day to sit with the Lord.

If Jesus isn't over everything, we default to Jesus and everything. Jesus and is a powerful "over," but a miserable "and" - MM

#6: "The true success of a person is not in if she can make her life work; it's if she can die to her life enough for Jesus to work in her." - This goes against everything in our flesh and most everything we hear. What does it look like to stop trying to make your life work and to die to your life so Jesus can work?

Write down external factors that you have done to try to uncomplicated your life in two columns: On the left, share everything you've done to try to simplify your life. (new calendar system, Marie Kondo, etc.) on the right, write when/how/what you've done to let God run it

Calendars may help you be on time, but boxes and dates will not help your heart.

Have you tried to control your own life? How has it worked for you?

#7: One of the reasons why we love you so much is because you tend to skip the "feeling/emotional" part -- you go from theology to practicality, which is our happy place. So we're going to play a game. I'm going to say each of the chapters in your book, and I want you to give us one practical way to live that truth -- like just the first thing that pops into your mind.

Real over Pretty

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We choose to be real in every moment.

Love over Judgment

We love what makes us feel safe. And we judge what we fear.

Holiness over Freedom

If you will do it HIS way, Jesus will set you more free than your own freedoms ever could.

We are actually becoming enslaved by our own freedoms that we are able to willfully choose.

The Holy Way is the only way.

Service over Spotlight

The road to personal transformation is through service.

Steady over Hype

The antidote of hype is steady. We can be steady ourselves.

Honesty over Hiding

Honesty allows you to break up with the person that you never wanted to be but have become.

Hiding is easier many times, but honesty is the way to the best life.

Wisdom over Knowledge

“Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit, wisdom is knowing not to put it on a fruit salad.” - Miles Kington

Praying for wisdom is the biggest thing we should be praying for.

Commitment over Mood

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We let feelings and moods dictate what we do.

#8. You close the book with a chapter called Home. Can you just love on us with what that means to close us out?

Regardless of whether our home is a haven for us or hard for us right now, we can all find shelter in Jesus.

Psalm 91:9

The priority of Jesus brings order to the chaos of our lives.

You can find HOME in HIM!