

## CHASING CARROTS - PART 4: APPROVAL

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022

*We all seek it – the approval of others, that is. For some, seeking the approval of others can become such an obsession that identity, worth and purpose that comes from God gets pushed aside or lost altogether. While it is important to consider others, people-pleasing can never replace the approval God has already given in Jesus.*

### READ PROVERBS 29:25; GALATIANS 6:1-10

- How would you describe the “fear of man”?
- How does the “fear of man” become a trap/snare?
- What does it mean to put your trust in the Lord?
- What are some ways you are tempted to seek the approval of others? Do you agree that people-pleasing can become an addiction? Why or why not?
- Why do you think it’s so easy for the approval of others to become more important than the approval of God?
- What do you think it means to turn away from God?
- How does people pleasing pretend to be good news (but really isn’t)?
- How would you describe the difference between serving others for their benefit and serving others to gain their approval? What would you say was Jesus’ motivation for serving us?
- How might seeking God’s approval over everything else free you from the trap of people-pleasing?
- How does Jesus’ sacrifice lead God to seeing you as approved?
- What next step will you take to be approved by God?

### SOMEONE’S APPROVAL MATTERS