"Just a Reminder"

"Their inner thought is *that* their houses are forever. *Ind* their dwelling places to all generations; they have called their lands after their own names. But man in his pomp will not endure; He is like the beasts that perish." (Psalm 49:11-12) NHSB

Worm Food

Acts 12:21-23 — (21) "On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. (22) And the people were shouting, 'The voice of a god, and not of a man!' (23) Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last."

Who is the Big I?

Exodus 3:13-14 – (13) "Then Moses said to God, 'If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they ask me, What is his name? What shall I say to them?' (14) God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' And he said, 'Say this to the people of Israel, I AM has sent me to you.'"

Revelation 1:8 – "I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

<u>Revelation 1:17</u> – "When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, 'Fear not, <u>I am the first and the last</u>,"

The Taming of the You

John 21:18-19 – (18) "Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk (to tread all around, to walk at large) wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you (to bear, be driven) where you do not want to go. (19) (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, 'Follow me.'"

Key Point: The Spirit moves when the Big I is Reduced

Reducing My Big I

(1) Do not Trust in Yourself

"Thus says the LORD: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?" (Jeremiah 17:5-6, 9)

(2) Follow the 'Law of Love'

"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:30-31)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message? Am I dominated by the "Big I" (self) or The Great I Am (God)? How do I treat other people (spouse, parents, neighbors, co-workers, etc.)?

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)