

**Sermon Notes**  
**December 23, 2018**

**“The Gift God Most Wants  
from Us Is... US”**  
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Thanks for joining us this season during which we celebrate God's greatest gift to us and to the world, Jesus! (John 3:16-17)

The gift God most wants from us is simply our real selves, where we think, feel, and make choices about what's important to us and how we'll live.

Below is a sample prayer you might offer to God to give your real self to Him:

*God, I admit I have ignored you and lived my own way (Romans 3:23). I believe that Jesus really did come to die for my sins (Romans 5:8), and I sincerely desire to invite you to come into my life (John 1:12, Rev. 3:20) to help me live for you. I want to grow in trusting and following Jesus as my Savior and Lord (Colossians 2:6-7). Amen.*

All of us who want to follow Jesus need help understanding what this means and working it into our lives. Please do not hesitate to speak with one of East Main's pastors or someone else you know to help you better understand and get grounded in following Jesus.