

Transform Chino: Inner Transformation
Matthew 22:34-38
July 3, 2022

Background:

- Context: Questions and controversies designed to entrap Jesus.
 - Groups: Chief Priests & Elders/ Pharisees/ Sadducees

The Trap

Matthew 22:34-36

- Previous failure – Sadducees
- Next up – Pharisees
- Trap/ Test: Which is the greatest commandment in the Law?
 - Background: Standard debate question
 - Greatest Commandment = which is most important of all?

The Response

Matthew 22:37-38

- Straightforward reply.
- Love God.
 - Love: An act of the will – seeks the best interest of the other.
 - Emotions follow action.
- With everything you have.
 - Deuteronomy 6:4-6 – Shema
 - Compare:

▪ Deut 6:4-6	Heart	Soul	Strength
▪ Matt 22:37	Heart	Soul	Mind
 - Point: Every aspect of your life –Thinking, will, passion, emotions, etc.
- That's number 1.
 - Everything else follows.

Application:

- Watch yourself: 1 Timothy 4:16
- Make Time: Revelation 2:4-5
- Train: Fact – Faith – Feelings