

Living as Faithful Witnesses

Text: John | Yauhas 1:19–28

1. Know **Your** Identity. *Paub koj tuskheej*

John knew his role. Not the Messiah. Just the messenger. Healthy ministry requires **clear identity in Christ**. John literally preached in the wilderness of Judea (Matthew 3:1). This location had deep spiritual meaning. In the Bible, the wilderness often represents preparation, repentance, and renewal with God. Israel had once wandered in the wilderness before entering the Promised Land. Now, John was calling the people back to spiritual preparation before the Messiah arrived.

2. Stay Humble **in** Your Calling. *Txo hwjchim rau qhov uas Vajtswv tau hu koj*

John refuses titles that would elevate him beyond his God-given role. This shows **spiritual humility**. True servants of God are not driven by recognition or titles. In Jewish culture, removing someone's sandals was considered the lowest servant's task. Even disciples were **not required** to untie their teacher's sandals. Yet John says he is **not worthy even to perform this lowest task** for Jesus. John understood the greatness of Christ. This is why he could stay humble even as he led a powerful movement. He knew the difference between **the messenger and the Messiah**.

3. Point People **to** Jesus. *Taw thiab koj neeg los cuag Yexus*

John identifies himself not as a hero, but as a **voice**. He doesn't claim to be the message. He is simply the **messenger**. His mission is to **prepare people for the coming of the Lord**. John's role was spiritual road preparation: Calling people to repentance. Pointing people to the coming Messiah. Everything John did redirected attention to Christ. Our lives should do the same. People should leave encounters with us thinking about **Jesus**, not about us.

4. Be Faithful, **Not** Famous. *Ua neej ncaj ncees, tsis txhob nrhiav lub neej nto moo*

John's goal was faithfulness. God is not measuring your popularity. God is looking for **faithful witnesses**.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think the religious leaders were so concerned about John's identity? *Ua licas cov thawjcoj txhawj txog tias Yauhas yog leejtwg?*

2. What does John's humility teach us about spiritual leadership?

Yauhas txojkev txo hwjchim qhia rau peb tias ib tug thawjcoj ntawm sab ntsujplig yuav tsum zoo lucas?

John the Baptist models several key qualities of godly leadership:

- **Leadership is **not** about self-exaltation**
Kev ua thawjcoj tsis yog tsa yus tus kheej rau qhov siab
- **Leadership requires clarity of calling**
Kev ua thawjcoj yuav tsum paub meej tias Vajtswv hu los ua dabtsi
- **Leadership directs attention to **Christ**.**
Kev ua thawjcoj yog koj neeg los cuag Yexus

3. How can believers today avoid the temptation of self-promotion?

Cov ntseeg tiam no yuav tsum npaj tus kheej licas thiaj tsis poob rau kev sim siab los mus tsa tus kheej rau qhov siab?

Several practices help believers remain humble:

- **Focus on **God's** glory rather than personal recognition**
Tsis txhob ntshaw kom yus tus kheej tau koob meej
- **Remember that we are witnesses, **Not** the Savior**
Nco ntsoov tias peb yog timkhawv xwb, tsis yog tus cawmseej
- **Cultivate a heart of service**
Npaj thiab xyaum lub siab pab ua Vajtswv tes haujlwm
- **Stay rooted in prayer and Scripture**
Txuas rau Vajtswv ntawm kev thov Vajtswv thiab nyeem Nws Txojlus

4. In what ways can your **life** point people toward Jesus?

Koj yuav ualicas hauv koj lub neej thiaj lis koj taus neeg mus cuag Yexus?

- **Through personal character** | *Koj tus cwjpwmm*
- **Through sharing your testimony** | *Koj cov lus povthawj*
- **Through acts of love and service** | *Nqis tes hlub thiab pab*
- **Through intentional conversations about faith** | *Kev sibtham hais txog kev ntseeg*