

With God
Part 3
“There is a Way”

Matthew 19 NKJV

26 But Jesus looked at *them* and said to them, “With men this is impossible, **but with God all things are possible.**”

John 14 NKJV

“Let not your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.**2** In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. **4** And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

5 Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Because of Jesus there is a way

- Jesus said, “I am the way the truth and the life.” This is a very familiar verse of Scripture and quoted in short might leave someone to wonder what exactly does it mean.
- It could be taken to mean so many things. But in the context it is clear what Jesus is saying
- He is answering Thomas’s question; “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

- Jesus is giving Thomas what seems to be a broad answer but it is actually very specific. Jesus says, Thomas I am the way my Father's house that has many mansions. It is being prepared for you and no one can go there unless they know the way, which is Jesus.

With God there is a Way Jesus is the Way

Acts 4:12 NIV

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Story: Testimony of Letty seeing the name of Jesus typed out J E S U S

Crying out Mom didn't help
Crying out God didn't help
Jesus is the name that has power
Jesus is the name that makes demons tremble
At the name of Jesus every knee will bow and every tongue will confess.

Jesus is the way to the Father
Jesus is the way to Eternal Life
Jesus is the way to Peace

Oh to have a heart at peace, how valuable is that...
Isn't that what so many are looking for...
It begins when you find peace with God
Peace is hot commodity today
So many people are looking for peace

The world offers a false peace

Jeremiah 6:14 "Peace, peace,' they say, when there is no peace."

John 16:33

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have troubles; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

- We held a funeral this week for Kirk Katzenmeyer
- Kirk was a Lieutenant for DOC
- The Church was full of officers in blue uniforms, we were honored to have them.
- I could sense that many hearts were troubled by Kirk’s passing
- As I was preparing to speak I felt the Holy Spirit prompt me to share with them where Jesus said;

28 *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”* **Matthew 11:28-30**

When you hear a story like Letty’s where the enemy had a stronghold in someones life...Or in the Bible where someone is delivered from an evil spirit... The Bible will often say they were tormented...

- But when Jesus delivers them and sets them free the first thing they experience is Peace...
- Maybe experiencing Peace for the first time in a long time...
- I’m not saying if some doesn’t have peace they have an evil spirit...
- But what I am saying is when Jesus is seated on the throne of your life and the throne of your heart, there is a residing peace that comes from God...

With God there is Peace...

John 10

7 Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the

sheep have not listened to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

A Thief is always looking for a way in
A Thief doesn't play fair
A Thief will take you for all your worth

Jesus is saying here: I am not like the thief, he is a destroyer and murderer.
Jesus is saying here: I am the opposite of the thief. I have come that you may have life, and life to the full.

Can I tell you: With God there is a Reward...

He Exalts those who Humble themselves...
He Positions those who Honor Him...
He Directs those who turn to Him...
He Transforms those who Surrender to Him...
He Rewards those who seek him...

In Numbers 13 the Bible says that God directed Moses to send 12 spies in to the promise land. To explore Canaan, the land he would give to Israel. One leader from each of the 12 tribes of Israel.

Does anyone remember the names of the Spies?
How about two names?
Can you remember two of the spies?
Joshua and Caleb...

Why don't you remember the names of the other 10?
Because no one cares to remember their names...

Out of the 12 there was only 2 who believed God
There were only 2 who trusted God
There were only 2 who had faith in God
Take note of this, in the end you will remember those who served God, you will forget those who don't.

Because they had faith in God and sought what God promised they were Rewarded with the Gift God promised...

Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Psalms 34 NKJV

4

I sought the Lord, and He heard me,
And delivered me from all my fears.

5

They looked to Him and were radiant,
And their faces were not ashamed.

6

This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard *him*,
And saved him out of all his troubles.

7

The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him,
And delivers them.

8

Oh, taste and see that the Lord *is* good;
Blessed *is* the man *who* trusts in Him!

9

Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints!
There is no want to those who fear Him.

10

The young lions lack and suffer hunger;
But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good *thing*.

With God there is a Reward...

He is a Rewarder of those who seek Him...

He is a Rewarder of those who honor Him...

Closing Song:

Closing Prayer:

Are you troubled, we want to pray for you

Are you looking for Peace, we want to pray for you

Do you want to give your life to Jesus, we want to pray for you