

Good Morning Church Family – Journey Through John

Read John 8:39-47

Devo Thought: Yesterday, we looked at the passage where Jesus pointed out that the crowd of religious leaders aren't really children of Abraham. Instead, they have a different father altogether, and they won't like what Jesus has to say. I wanted to take a moment to think about what Jesus says about their father. Jesus tells them that their true father is the devil. "You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires." I think too often we overlook or shrug off thinking about the devil. We have an enemy, who, as Peter tells us, is like a roaring lion seeking for someone to devour. Jesus tells us a couple things about this enemy. First, he is a murderer. He was working in Cain to murder his brother Abel. His desire is to see you and me destroyed. So, in our anger, wrath, and malice, we see the work of the murderous spirit of the devil. This is why there are so many passages in Scripture about self-control and the danger of anger. Second, he is a liar. He "does not stand in the truth." Lying is his native language. He is the "father of lies." Every lie ever spoken came from him. Moreover, we know that he is the accuser of the brethren (Satan literally means accuser). The devil wants to deceive and destroy us. We must know that he is there; we must realize that he will always be at work to deceive and accuse us. What's even more important is that Jesus has overcome him and defeated our enemy. While the devil will accuse us before God, Jesus will be right there interceding for us at the right hand of the Father.

Let us thank God that Jesus has overcome our enemy.