

From Death to LIFE

Week 3 : Pastor Jesse

John 10:10

The enemy comes to steal your joy, peace, comes to kill your dreams, your relationships, your marriages. He comes to flat out destroy your life.

CHRIST makes it clear that his intentions are very different ! Christ wants us to have LIFE and have it to the FULL!

Can't get to Easter until you go through Thursday (when Jesus was betrayed)

Matthew 26:36-38

“Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.””

Before anything transpires in Jesus' life, he chooses to go away and go to God with his problems.

How often do we go to God with our problems? With our frustrations?

Sometimes we talk everyday but UP!

Jesus demonstrates in his greatest pain, he goes to God FIRST!

If we don't come here to look to God and focus our hurts and attention to JESUS- NOTHING WILL CHANGE!

We need to be vulnerable in the CHURCH!

We need to be honest with one another!

We often want something that we're not willing to put into it.

We die to self and live for the needs of other people. The Christian life is less about ME and more about other people!

Unless the vertical relationship is right with God- everything laterally with SUFFER.

Don't tell people you LOVE JESUS if you're not willing to love other people, serve other people!

God can't do anything with a proud heart!

Jesus says “come with me and pray for me” in the time of His greatest need.

PRAYER IS POWERFUL

Prayer ALTERS things - it CHANGES THINGS!

God uses you in situations and circumstances to pray for people!

Be honest before God about your low points in life.

God should be the first! Not the second, third, last!

Psalm 71:20

Do not mistake temporary low moments for permanent pain.

Matthew 26:39-41

“Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.””

Surrender EVERYTHING to God!!!

YOU’VE BEEN BOUGHT FOR A HIGH PRICE!

2 Corinthians 12:8-9

“Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.”

Gods power is not made perfect in perfect people!!!

Thursday might be here but SUNDAY IS COMING!

Matthew 26:42-46

“He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.” When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!””

Despite everything Jesus knew what was happening, He accepted God's will.
We declare the goodness of God because of the resurrection from the grave, but
Jesus still had to go through the pain!