

How Did You Get Here?
“The Defining and Refining of a True Disciple”

The Lord’s Prayer for His Disciples
John17:1-26 KJV

1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I

came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Introduction: The Predictability of Process - Incredible things happen when you trust the process.

We are definitely in a Kingdom defining season, one where God has spoken to key leaders, to challenge the status quo, by totally focusing on the training and development of true disciples.

- **Church growth is being redefined.**
- **Mandates of spiritual disciplines are being established.**
- **Church goers are being challenged to shift from the pews, away from religious stagnation.**
- **The advancement of the Kingdom of God agenda is called upon to replace egocentric vision that elevates church leaders and ignores the Lord.**

So many people love their church organizations but ignore God's Kingdom agenda that gives definition to what church really is.

The definition of a thing is the actual truth of what a thing is or who that thing is.

Refining: The process by which a thing is further enhanced or altered to better what is being developed developed.

It is the transformative remolding, that perfects something whose form has fallen away from its original design and intent.

The Apostolic and Prophetic Commentary and Perspective

In this season of your life, your yielding is your yes to voluntarily being yoked to the yes of God's willful direction of your life. Jesus said in Matthew 11:28-29; Come unto me, all who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. This divine yoke is not only light in weight, but it is the light of revelation and truth, that guides your life. His glory becomes the governing force that keeps you humble and honorable as you recognize that only He, Jesus Christ is worthy of your human celebration and adoration. You no longer live by compromised excuses and shared loyalty. No other deity, human or celestial, no other Lord, no husband, wife or career interests or invitations of influence. Your Frat ain't that, and your sorority is not your priority. You now have your priorities straight, you not only confess that He is first and last, you now live in full compliance to your public and private confessions.

How did you get here and how do you remain here? I'm glad you asked. You've been processed for this from the time that you were born, reborn, and revived, and it's all for such a time as this. In the kingdom of God you only get what you need when He needs for you to need it. God don't waste, he stalls and strategies your conversion. God was working on you when you didn't even recognize that He was. He's been training you, and straining you, compelling you, converting you while covering you from yourself and from everything that was designed against you to keep you from getting to where you are right now at this very moment. This moment is all that matters. Not what you thought you missed and messed up, no, no, you are in the right season for the right reason.

You may not see the change but I'm here today to tell you that it's there. You've got to believe to receive it. You have to know it before you show it. You have to stand on it and not fall for the satanic noise and lies that will whisper, ain't nothing new about you. When the truth is, everything is new about you. You're not a half baked caked or a half cooked piece of meat. Yes you are in some degree an unfinished product that's done, just not well done in the sense of what was required to get you here. You're like Jesus on the cross of His crucifixion, it is finished, but you're not finished. You're just getting started and the devil and all of his demons feared this season of your life. They were all geared up to galvanize threats and onslaughts towards you; but, you had something that they couldn't stop. You had desire, determination, discipline and you hung in there, not allowing yourself to be interrupted nor

intertwined by the tricks from the past. Pardon my expression but you said hell no to devil and heaven yes to God.

So before I go any further, this is your moment to echo and express these sentiments by coming into agreement, by giving God your best praise and break the eardrums of every demonic force that was set against you.

So How did You Get Here?

1. Gods Word and God's Wisdom.

2. Your Worship and Your Praise.

3. Your Witness and your Willingness to be vocal.

4. Your Walk and Wholesome conviction.

5. Your Warfare and Your Winning Spirit