

# GOD'S WORD

FOR LIFE



**It Takes All of Us**

**John 17:20-21**

Jesus Teaches Us to Pray

## SERIES OVERVIEW:

- Jesus invites us to pray, and He even shares a prayer request of His own: pray for laborers. In His compassion, He invites those laborers to come unto Him and rest, and ultimately, He prays for all of us -even with our personality differences- to be one!

## TRUTH ABOUT GOD:

- Yahweh invites us to pray and work for unity.
- Unity- the quality or state of not being multiple: **ONENESS**

## TRUTH FOR MY LIFE:

- I will pray for and work toward unity.

## THE CONTEXT:

1. Entering Triumphally into Jerusalem.
2. Teaching Eschatology on the Mount of Olives.
3. Eating the Passover Meal in Jerusalem.
4. **Praying for Unity leaving Upper Room.**
5. Submitting to God's Purpose and Judas' Betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane.
6. Dying to the Romans' Crucifixion at Golgotha.
7. Resurrecting from the Dead in Joseph's Tomb.





## THE TEXT: JOHN 17:1-26

### JESUS PRAYS FOR HIMSELF

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to Heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. **Glorify** Your Son, that Your Son also may **glorify** You,<sup>2</sup> as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give Eternal Life to as many as You have given Him.<sup>3</sup> **And this is Eternal Life, that they may know You, the Only True God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.**<sup>4</sup> **I have glorified You on the Earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.**<sup>5</sup> And now, O Father, **glorify** Me together with Yourself, with the **glory** which I had with You before the World was.

- Glorify-*doxazo*- to praise, to extol, to magnify, to celebrate or to make renowned.
- Know-*ginosko*- to learn to understand, to perceive, sexual intercourse between a man and a woman.
- Sent-*apostello*- to order one to go to a place appointed or to set apart.
- Finished-*teleioo*- to make perfect, to complete, or to accomplish.
- What is the toughest challenge of faith you have faced? How did you face it?

### JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS DISCIPLES

<sup>6</sup> **I have manifested Your Name to the men whom You have given Me out of the World.** They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your Word.<sup>7</sup> Now they have

known that all things which You have given Me are from You. <sup>8</sup> For I have given to them the Words which You have given Me; and they have received them and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

- Manifested-phaneroo- to make visible, to make known, or to make actual and visible.
- Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> And where I go you know, and the way you know."

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." <sup>7</sup> "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. <sup>11</sup> Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves (JOHN 14:1-11).

- Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, <sup>7</sup> but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross (PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8).

<sup>9</sup> "I pray for them. I do not pray for the World but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. <sup>10</sup> And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.<sup>11</sup> Now I am no longer in the World, but these are in the World, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your Name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them in the World, I kept them in Your Name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the Son of Perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the World, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them Your Word; and the World has hated them because they are not of the World, just as I am not of the World. <sup>15</sup> I do not pray that You should take them out of the World, but that You should keep them from the Evil One.

- One-*eis*- single, solitary, or sole.
- But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. <sup>26</sup> If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? (MATTHEW 12:22-26).
- How do you feel knowing the Man Christ Jesus prayed for His Followers to be kept from the Evil One?

<sup>16</sup> They are not of the World, just as I am not of the World. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by Your Truth. Your Word is Truth. <sup>18</sup> As You sent Me into the World, I also have sent them into the World.<sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the Truth.

- Sanctify-*hagiazō*- to separate from profane things dedicated to God, or to cleanse externally.
- Truth-*aletheia*- in reality, in fact, or in certaintiy.
- What sure passages of Scripture do you run to when your World seems to spiral out of control?

## JESUS PRAYS FOR UNITY OF ALL BELIEVERS

<sup>20</sup> "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their Word; <sup>21</sup> that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also

may be one in Us, that the World may believe that You sent Me. <sup>22</sup> And the Glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: <sup>23</sup> I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the World may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

- And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." <sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed (GENESIS 2:23-25).
- Can two walk together, unless they are agreed? (AMOS 3:3)
- For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. <sup>17</sup> But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." <sup>18</sup> Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. <sup>19</sup> Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner." <sup>20</sup> For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel (JOHN 5:16-21).
- Why does our society often prefer division over unity? How can we foster more of a culture of unity in the church?

<sup>24</sup> "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the World. <sup>25</sup> O righteous Father! The World has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. <sup>26</sup> And I have declared to them Your Name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

- Declare-*gnorizo*- to make known, to give understanding, or to gain through knowledge of.

- Therefore, if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, <sup>2</sup> fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others (PHILIPPIANS 2:1-4).
  - Love-*agape*- charity, affection, goodwill or benevolence.
  - Accord-*sympsychos*- of one mind, to be harmonious, or an agreement.
  - Mind-*phroneo*- the faculty that thinks, regards, feels, judges, or understands.
- What does it feel like to know our unity could be an answer to one of Jesus' own prayers?

OUR PRAYER FOCUS:

- For Yahweh to keep us when the enemy sifts us.
- For Yahweh to unify us with our brothers and sisters.