

FOR THEIR SAKE

JOHN 17:1-19

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A. CONTEXT

- * the past 4 chapters have all occurred in the past couple hours of the life of Jesus. Time is slowing as Jesus lives out his final hours before the process of his crucifixion.
- * **CRISIS REVEALS OUR HEARTS: What IS important vs. what IS NOT.**
- * **STORY** * mom, hospice, a man's final moments.
 - ↳ FAMILY and LOVE **VS.** anything else.
- * JESUS heart is revealed - 1 petition for himself + 4 for his people. **INCLUDING YOU** **V.20**
- * **WHY DOES JESUS WANT YOU TO HEAR THIS PRAYER?**
- * **RAISE HANDS**: how many of you have ever desired to hear Jesus speak to you, to hear the voice of God? Jesus wants you to hear His voice in His Word. He's lifting you up in prayer. So, let's walk through this passage together.

B. READ JOHN 17:1-19

C. PRAY: Father, may we see you anew today; may you speak to our hearts and strip away our pride and postures of "I know this already." that we might hear your voice today. I do not pray that we might learn more about you, **BUT** that through your word, we would know you more; finding joy in the sanctifying power of your **PRESENCE** and **PEACE**.
amen.

D. JOHN 17:1-3

- V.1 "glorify the Son" - speaking of His death, FOR God's glory. HIS PASSION IS TO GLORIFY THE FATHER.
- V.2 "given authority"
 - ↳ many of us have been given differing levels of authority: work, home, family, and know what it means to be UNDER AUTHORITY. **TRAFFIC COP.**
 - ↳ Jesus has been given ALL authority, and instead of using this as a way to ABUSE everyone under the weight of His power, HE USES HIS AUTHORITY IN ORDER TO GIVE ETERNAL LIFE.
 - ↳ What COMFORT at the end there: if you come to Jesus for life, the FATHER chose you and has given you to Christ.
- V.3 "eternal life is..." WHAT IS IT? TO KNOW GOD.
 - ↳ NOTICE - he doesn't say "not going to hell, doing miracles, being moral, heaven." He says KNOW THE LIVING GOD. FOREVER.
 - ↳ KNOW ABOUT VS. TO TRULY KNOW - baseball card metaphor.
 - ↳ JEREMIAH 9:23-24 God delights to know and to be known! He wants you to know Him!

E JOHN 17:4-5

- v.4-5 "accomplished" - how good is it to finish well?
- ↳ it's a feeling that can't last b/c there's always more.
 - ↳ Jesus on the other hand is completely satisfied, having faithfully spent every moment in complete dedication to what He came to do. **ONLY the cross is left.**
 - ↳ **ARE YOU SATISFIED?** are you looking for Jesus to do more than He's already done? If you're not satisfied, may I urge you to look more deeply into this gospel that He might remind you of all He's already done for you.

F. JOHN 17:6-8

- v.6 "manifests your name" WHAT'S IN A NAME?
- NAMES reveal us. (Baby gets a name.)
 - Do I really know you if I don't know your name?
 - God doesn't leave our discovery of Him up to us. In Christ He reveals His name and nature.
 - **What another reminder of God's heart to be KNOWN.**
 - The only way for us to live lives OUT OF THE WORLD, lives of lasting faith, love, hope, peace, companionship is to **KNOW** God as sovereign, loving, faithful, holy, just, powerful, and good. **GOD'S NAMES BECOME OUR REALITY.**
 - **HOW MUCH MORE RESTFUL IS 5min w/ GOD THAN 1hr. OF NETFLIX.**

G. JOHN 17: 9-13

- V. 9 "I pray for..." JESUS PRAYS FOR THOSE HE LOVES.
- V. 11 "keep them in your name..." JESUS heart is aching as he's about to leave his own; we can hear his concern: **KEEP THEM SAFE.**
 - ↳ LIKE A PARENT LEAVING THEIR PRECIOUS CHILD.
- V. 12 "none lost except Judas..." you can have God himself in your life in the flesh, and if you love the world more, you'll be lost. Judas had it all: he was with Jesus, saw the miracles, heard the greatest sermons, and still went his own way. **SHOULD WE JUDGE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS BY THE UNFAITHFULNESS OF JUDAS?**
 - ↳ our hearts will tempt us at times to doubt the goodness of life w/ God b/c of the sins of those who claim to follow God. That's b/c our hearts look for any reason not to follow Jesus. Thank goodness God is greater than our hearts (JOHN 3:20)
- V. 13 "They may have MY Joy." JESUS doesn't just want us to have joy, He wants to give us HIS Joy.
- Our series title - WHAT IS JOY? Joy is deep soul satisfaction that comes from KNOWING GOD

- **METAPHOR** - how is joy like "fullness" after you've been starving and have eaten food?
- **How is your Joy?**
my friend, maybe you're looking for it in all the wrong places. **TO RECEIVE THE JOY OF JESUS, you MUST GO TO JESUS.** There's NO other way.

H. JOHN 17:14-17

- **V.14-16** FOLLOWING JESUS means the world will hate us, because they hated Him! THAT'S A PROMISE.
- This shouldn't lead us to anger when our values are listened to in the public square, BUT lead us to PRAYER. our battle is not against flesh and blood. (EPH. 6:12)
- **DO WE WISH THAT CHRIST WOULD ADDRESS THE SINS OF OUR HEARTS THE SAME WAY WE ADDRESS THE BROKENNESS OF THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE OR SHARE OUR VALUES?**
- **V.17 - SANCTIFICATION**
 - ↳ general meaning, "the state of proper functioning."
 - ↳ **TO SANCTIFY** = "set apart for use intended by its designer."
 - ↳ **METAPHOR**: PEN → write | glasses → sight | life of a pro-athlete
 - ↳ **SANCTIFIED by GOD** → God's refining process of living in our God given design and purpose. **THE RESULT? Joy. Harmony.**

- **WHO DOES THIS WORK?** The Father by the Holy power of His word, by **THE TRUTH** He has given us.

- What a reminder to **ABIDE ABIDE ABIDE**.

I. **JOHN 17:18-19**

- **v.19** FOR OUR SAKE Jesus consecrates/sanctifies HIMSELF (both words are the same in greek.)

- FOR you and ME.

- **EVERY CALL-COMMAND-DESIRE of JESUS for US is an INVITATION for US TO FOLLOW HIM.**

- The call to SERVE is a call to follow Him, the call to LOVE is a call to follow Him, the call to GIVE is a call to follow Him. He has made a way for us to follow by living this way, HIMSELF.

- **EXAMPLE - MATT. 10:17-22 The Rich Young Ruler.**

↳ Jesus was a young man, Jesus lay aside riches beyond measure, and gave his all to serve the poor.

↳ He is NOT commanding this young ruler to GO DO, Jesus is inviting him to COME FOLLOW.

J. **CLOSING.**

- **Let us not be the rich young ruler who walks away sad from Christ.**

- **Jesus isn't calling you to GO DO, He's calling you to COME FOLLOW, to BE WITH HIM.**

J. CLOSING. cont.

- all HE has to GIVE is greater than this world could ever OFFER. ABIDE in His love, allow His Word to sanctify you, and may the Joy of Jesus fill your life as you walk w/ HIM.
- Receive His prayer for you today. AMEN.