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Study on
The Book of John
Part 3

Introduction:

As believers, we must understand the battle between light and darkness that we are facing. Jesus came into the world as the light which pierces through all the darkness around us, and provides everything we need in order to live in this light. John the Baptist was a witness to this light; coming to serve as testimony for all to believe that the Messiah had come into the world. Those who believe and receive Jesus, as the Messiah, will be given the right to be called a child of God. Jesus was the “reason why”, the Logos, the Word of God, in the flesh. He came to make the love of the Father known to humankind, who have been orphaned by sin. John the Baptist angered the Pharisees because his message was that everyone, Jew or Gentile, needed to be born again and cleansed by the Lamb of God who was now on earth to take away the sins of the world. It was a history-making event that the Holy Spirit had now returned to the earth, on the shoulder of the son who came to shed his blood to cover us, to protect us and to save us from death. Because of this act of love, we can now be totally immersed in the Holy Spirit, dripping with the power of God, receive this adoption and live this new life through Jesus.

Opening Prayer:

Dear loving, heavenly Abba, Father, I want to live where you live, to dwell where you dwell, to stay where you are staying. Help me to seek after your presence with all of my heart. I long for that sense of nearness to me. Help me find it in Jesus. Amen.

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Memorization Scripture:

John 1:11-12 “He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.” (KJV)

Beginning Questions:

1. What is the significance of being “a son of God”?

2. How does being a “child of God” impact our lives?

3. What is the meaning of the "right" or "power" that is given to those who believe in his name?

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Lesson 3: John 1:40- 2:11

1. **(Vs. 40-42)** The Father's desire is that we all will be like Andrew. We would be finding, telling and bringing.
 - a. Our highest priority is to find lost people, tell them about the Father's love and bring them to Jesus.
 - b. Start close to home.

2. **(Vs. 42)** The Father is far more interested in our future potential than in our past failings.
 - a. Jesus doesn't expose all the things Simon had done wrong in his life. Rather he listened to what the Father was saying about his future.

 - b. Simon comes from a word that means reed. Peter comes from a word that means rock.

 - c. When the day of Pentecost comes, the reed turns into the rock.

3. **(Vs. 45-51)** Jesus speaks about Nathanael in a very interesting way. He says, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is no deceit." Why is this?
 - a. **(Vs. 48)** Nathanael asks what any stranger would ask when prophecy is in operation.

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- b. What would the church look like if we would hear the precise things that the Father is saying about the people we meet every day?
 - c. **(Vs. 49)** Nathanael realizes who Jesus really is once Jesus speaks prophetically into his life.
 - d. Jesus uses prophecy to speak to Nathanael's present, past and future.
 - e. Take Jesus' promise to Nathanael as your own. You will see greater things.
- John 2:1-11)** John uses the expression, "on the third day."
- a. John is consciously reminding us of the 7 days of creation in Genesis. This points to the resurrection...a new creation truly begins. The curse of the all is reversed and Is. 43:19 is fulfilled, "See I am doing a new thing!"
 - b. First half of John's gospels (chapters 1-12) contains 7 miracles, which is why it's called the "Book of Signs and Wonders", or the "Book of Glory". First miracle is set at a wedding; the seventh is a funeral.

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- c. The wine runs out once Jesus and the disciples get to the wedding. Mary presents the need to Jesus alone.
 - i. Intercession presents the needs of others to the Father.

- d. Jesus is concerned with the timetable of his Father. He doesn't want to provoke an intensification of opposition. But Mary's persistence and faith cause what should happen in the future to come into the present.

- e. This is the kind of faith the Father is looking for. He is a Father who concerns himself with ordinary people with ordinary problems. Jesus creates abundance and exponential increase.

- f. (Vs.11) John calls miracles, "signs", meaning they point the way to something beyond themselves.
 - i. Short term: When the disciples saw what Jesus did, they put their faith and trust in him.

 - ii. Long term: Every situation of lack in our lives is an opportunity for Jesus to manifest his glory.

5. (John 2:13-25)

- a. (vs. 15) Jesus reveals an aspect of the Father that is very important. He is an affectionate, loving Father and is also a lion who roars against injustice.

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- b.** (Vs.16) He ends the social injustice perpetrated by the moneychangers, the dove sellers and the inspectors.
 - i.** The new creation is an intimate relationship with the Father that is spirit and truth. It cannot be tainted with manipulation, status, or striving.

- c.** (Vs.17) Disciples remember Psalm 69:9, a Messianic prophecy coming to pass right before their very eyes.
 - i.** Consumption of the people making money off the poor. This happens today where many turn the worship of God into a consumer item. What they can “get” out of it.

 - ii.** Consumption of Abba’s presence. We don’t consume this, it consumes us. Jesus was passionate about the Father’s house and the Father’s presence.

- d.** (Vs. 18-19) Jesus’ body is the physical habitation for the glory of God. They will soon see the greatest miracle of all.
 - i.** They were so focused on the Temple of God that they miss the God of the Temple.

 - ii.** How often do we miss the whole point of what Jesus is trying to say to us? Let’s not miss our moment of visitation.

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- e. (Vs. 25) Jesus could know what was in their hearts because he was a Spirit-filled man.
 - i. We too can access this power through intimacy with the Father.