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**Study on
The Book of John
Part 8**

Summary:

Jesus is our blueprint for how we are supposed to approach life; from a place of rest. After he accepted the rest he needed in nature, He then showed the disciples, and the church, how He uses unlikely characters to bring miracles of mercy to the world. We have the ability to partner with Heaven to see by faith the blessings that God wants to give to those who are needy. Later that evening, Jesus performed another miracle for his disciples by walking on the water to their boat and teaches us that no matter what lake of transition we may find ourselves, or no matter the amount of turbulence may be around us, He is always watching over us and will reveal His greatness and His glory in our lives.

Just like His pattern of showing and then telling, after feeding them, Jesus challenges the crowd's motivation for seeking him. He wanted them to follow him not only because he could satisfy their physical hunger, but more importantly He wanted them to recognize their spiritual hunger that only He could satisfy. He calls himself the bread of life, which is one of His "I am" statements. They must eat his flesh and drink his blood in order to receive eternal life. It is in the reception of Jesus' words that brings us into the atmosphere of the Father's love.

Introduction:

Throughout the seventh chapter of John, Jesus models an important value of Kingdom living. It is the value of time. The awareness of "Kairos" time is a hallmark of Jesus' life and journey. He must hear from the Father about his timing no matter what anyone, even family, might say or think. We too, as sons and daughters must learn from Jesus how to walk in the unforced rhythm of the Father.

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Memorization Scripture:

John 7:37-38 “On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.’ ”

Opening Prayer:

Abba Father, I appreciate that much of my life is lived in ordinary, “chronos” time. But I also know there are moments of opportunity in which you present me with an invitation to enter “Kairos” time. Help me to learn when to step into these moments and see your glory manifested in my life. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

John 7:4-48

1. **(Vs. 4)** Jesus’ brothers come and tell him that he should go to Jerusalem and do miracles there.
 - a. They want him to become a celebrity.
 - b. Jesus has embraced the value of the hidden life at this point in his ministry.
 - c. Jesus knows there will be a time when his glory will be revealed to the world.
 - d. We need the same courage as Jesus to value the season the Father has put us in.
2. **(Vs. 6)** Jesus’ reply to his brothers reveals something interesting about the concept of time.
 - a. The word “chronos”, from which we get chronology, refers to ordinary, ongoing, mundane time.

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- b. The word “Kairos” refers to extraordinary, unique time (Mark 1:15). It refers to a moment of great opportunity, a moment that can either be seized or missed.
 - i. The opportunity of a lifetime needs to be seized in the lifetime of the opportunity. - Leonard Ravenhill

- c. We must become more adept at discerning the seasons and times.

3. Can you identify an example in your life when you knew that you were no longer only existing in Chronos time, but you realized that you had entered into a Kairos moment?

- 4. (Vs. 10)** Jesus’ brothers were bound by chronology and head to Jerusalem. Jesus, living in the Kairos time, stays behind in Galilee and waits until halfway through the seven-day feast to arrive.
- a. Winston Churchill- “To every man there comes in his lifetime that special moment when he is figuratively tapped on the shoulder and offered a chance to do a very special thing, unique to him and fitted to his talents. What a tragedy if that moment finds him unprepared or unqualified or that which would be his finest hour.”

 - b. Jesus goes when the Father says and then only goes in secret.

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- c. Do we welcome times and seasons of invisibility? Or long only for publicity and celebrity.
5. **(Vs. 12-13)** Jesus went in secret as the leaders were asking where he was and people were murmuring about his identity.
- a. He is either liar, lunatic or Lord.

 - b. We choose to live by faith (as sons and daughters), not by fear (as orphans) and openly declare He is Lord!
6. **What are some of the arguments you've heard from people who do not believe that Jesus is Lord? How do you respond to these criticisms?**
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7. **(Vs. 16-18)** Jesus astonishes everyone in the Temple with his teachings and knowledge.
- a. He makes no apology for the timing He has stepped into.

 - b. He challenges them all to connect to the Father so that they will see things through Kingdom eyes.

 - c. When we represent the Father and not ourselves, we can speak from Heaven without hesitation or doubt.
8. **(Vs. 24)** Jesus uses the law to outwit the cleverest people of his day.

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- a. He challenges them to stop looking at life superficially, but to go beneath the surface and judge matters more fairly.
- b. God is more concerned with the spirit of the law, not the letter of the law.
- c. The Law was given to liberated, not to oppress.

9. Can you think of a time in your life where God showed you freedom from the letter of the law?

10.(Vs. 27) The crowd is wondering if the religious leaders have concluded that Jesus was the Messiah.

- a. They misinterpreted the prophecy of not knowing where the Messiah has come from.
- b. They could never accept that the Messiah would come from an unknown address, and especially a despised place like Nazareth. (John 1:46)
- c. Jesus responds that they don't know where he came from because he came from the Father, and they don't know Him.

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13. Have you ever witnessed a miracle? Share it.

14. (Vs. 33-34) Jesus' powerful words to the crowd assembled must have haunted many of them for years to come.

- a. Many of us would love to think that we would have been one of the ones who believed on his name and accepted him as the Messiah.
- b. Would we have simply been part of the crowd, swayed by various views, and carried along by the seductive power of peer pressure?
- c. The road that Jesus traveled, the road home to glory via the Cross and the empty tomb, was something that no one else in history could or would ever experience.

15. (Vs. 37) Jesus hears the priests singing for the wells of salvation.

- a. Salvation in Hebrew is the word, "Yeshua", his actual name!
- b. Jesus stands and declares, "if you are looking for the water-living, spiritual water- come to me. The river of God is going to flow from a new altar of sacrifice- from the Cross."
- c. The Son of God fulfills the Feast of Tabernacles.

16. (Vs. 38-39) John teaches us that the Holy Spirit flows in a dual method.

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- a. As Jesus is crucified, the Holy Spirit (the water that comes out of his side) is poured out to those who believe.
 - b. The Holy Spirit also flows out of those who place their faith in Jesus. Out of us, rivers, an overflow comes from our depths (belly or womb) and brings life to everything we touch.
 - c. John is highlighting the inseparability of the work of the Cross and the work of the Spirit.
 - i. There is no Pentecost without the Cross, and no Cross without Pentecost.
 - ii. The work of the Cross leads to the experience of the Holy Spirit. The experience of the Holy Spirit leads us back to the work of the Cross.
 - iii. Authentic Christianity understands and proclaims the power of the blood and welcomes the fire of the Holy Spirit.
- 17. (Vs. 43)** The crowds were just as divided then as sometimes we find in this day.
- a. We must fight against “schism”- tear, split or gap.
 - b. We must protect the unity in the church by our confidence in who Jesus was and is.
- 18. (Vs.45-46)** The temple guards know that Jesus was so special that they didn’t have any right to lay their hands on him.
- a. They highlight the “manner” of Jesus’ teaching. He was full of grace and truth (John 1:14)

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