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## The Book of John

### Part 9

**Summary:** Jesus understood the difference between “Chronos” time and “Kairos” time and we see this during one of the Feasts of Tabernacles. His brothers were concerned about his celebrity status, but Jesus was more concerned with the ordained moment of his assignment. He goes in the proper season with wisdom to share about the spirit of the law versus the letter of the law. The leaders of the day misinterpreted the prophecy of not knowing where the Messiah was from and this was why Jesus told them that they didn’t know God, because if they did, they would have known and accepted him. Jesus fulfilled the Feast of Tabernacles on this day because for centuries the Priests processed through the Water Gate calling for the wells of salvation; wells of “Yeshua”. He stood at the last and greatest day of the Feast and declared, “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!”

**Introduction:** The eighth chapter of John speaks of an important characteristic of the Father in which Jesus displays in his interaction with a sinner. This Heavenly characteristic of kindness is taught through this exchange with a woman and the Pharisees. Jesus brings revelation to the true revelation of the Father and creates a blueprint as to how we are to love the world; as sons and daughters and not as slaves.

**Memorization Scripture:**

**John 7:37-38** “On the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, ‘ \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ come to me and  
drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, \_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_ will flow from within them. ”

**Opening Prayer:**

Abba Father, thank you for sending your son to be the true representation of your nature here on Earth. He shone the light on your character and revealed you to us as Father. Release more of your Spirit of adoption into my heart so that I will know you as Jesus does. Then I can truly love people the way that you do. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**John 8:3-58**

1. **(Vs.3-5)** The teachers of the Law and Pharisees try to publicly expose Jesus on the issue of adultery.
  - a. They had been looking for a couple committing adultery. How did they actually do that?
  - b. They only bring the woman.
  - c. As a rabbi, Jesus is expected to tell everyone what the Law says and then enforce it.
  - d. The Scribes and Pharisees don't treat the woman as a person, but a problem.
2. **Have you ever witnessed, or been the recipient of this kind of treatment by people who were supposed to represent God?**

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3. **(Vs. 6)** Jesus is presented with a moral dilemma.
- a. If he says she should be stoned, he would be accused of lack of compassion.
  - b. If he says release her, he would be accused of moral compromise.
  - c. Instead he takes a moment to consult the Father.
  - d. Jesus models the gift of “word of wisdom” that we can ask of the Father as well.

4. **Have you ever witnessed, or been the recipient of this kind of love and forgiveness from someone who represented God?**

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5. **(Vs. 7-8)** Jesus’ response to the Scribes and Pharisee challenges them to practice what they preach.
- a. The Greek word translated “without sin” here is *anarmatetos*, which means, “without a sinful desire.”
  - b. One of the most challenging areas for Christians is to be truly authentic in the area of human sexuality.
  - c. The Father longs for us to walk in sexual purity as sons and daughters, not slaves.



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**8. (Vs. 16)** Jesus stood on Earth, encircled by his Father’s love, complete and with a deep sense of security.

a. He was our perfect example of a son.

b. Orphans feel sad and unsafe. They strive to earn people’s affection and value through performance. They mistrust others and are often secretive. They feel a deep sense of rejection and shame and they feel all alone.

c. In one sentence, Jesus spoke healing to the orphan heart condition.

**9. What orphan tendencies do you see that continue to show up in your life that you need to ask Jesus to heal?**

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**10.(Vs. 19-20)** The people in the crowd respond from the orphan heart condition.

a. They only know God as “Lord” and “King”, not as Father and Friend.

b. Knowing Jesus is what connects us to the final point; a relationship with the perfect Father.

c. Jesus closed the gap between Earth and Heaven on the Cross. (John 14:6)

**11.(Vs. 27)** The people in the crowd are stuck in a religious mindset.

a. Religious vs. Relational

i. God is a master and the believer is a slave vs. God is father and the believer is a son/daughter.

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- ii. God is remote vs. God is relational.
- b. Jesus was trying to get the people to tune into his wavelength of spiritual intimacy.
- 12.(Vs. 28)** John wants us to understand the Cross in a revelatory way.
- a. Commercial way- Redemption in which people are bought out of slavery by the power of Christ's blood.
  - b. Sacrificial way- Slaughter of the Lamb of God for our sins, once and for all.
  - c. Martial way- Defeat of the devil in the way against spiritual darkness.
  - d. Legal way- The pardon way for guilty sinners by the substitutionary death of Jesus.
  - e. Revelatory way- The lifting up of Jesus at Calvary (and resurrection and ascension) unveils heavenly truth.
    - i. Jesus loved us more than any other man who has ever lived.
    - ii. Jesus lived out of a greater love- love that lays down its life for its friends.
    - iii. God is a Father who loves us so much He would even give up his one and only Son so that we might experience His divine embrace.
    - iv. Jesus is divine; the true Son of the Father.
    - v. Jesus only said or did what the Father did so therefore the Father was involved in the Calvary event too. He suffered as his Son suffered.

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- vi. The Father’s loudest shout in history- a passionate and echoing cry of “I love you” to a deaf world.
- vii. It was the ultimate revelation of divine love.

**13. How does receiving the Cross in a revelatory way change your perspective on the Father?**

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- 14. (Vs. 29)** Jesus reveals the greatest thing anyone can say about any dad.
- a. Dads are supposed to be there for you.
  - b. This is a heartwarming revelation for those who’ve had a dad who deserted them.
  - c. When we decided to follow Jesus, we received the Spirit of adoption and we know God as Father. (Romans 8:15)
  - d. We are unconditionally loved by a dad who has promised that he will never forsake us. (Hebrews 13:5)
  - e. The word “leave” is the same word he will use in John 14:8 when he tells his disciples, “I will not leave you as orphans.”
    - i. Orphans feel fatherless and all alone.
    - ii. Sons and daughters know that the Father will never leave them.
    - iii. Transform our minds from orphan state to sonship.

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- 15. (Vs. 31-32)** This verse is not about ethnicity but about apostasy.
- a. Apostasy is starting out on a journey of faith with Jesus and then consciously rejecting everything to do with him.
  - b. At the end of chapter 6 many walked away because they found Jesus' teaching too difficult.
  - c. Jesus is making a final, passionate plea to hold onto his teachings so the father of lies will not deceive them.
  - d. These words must be taken to heart by all Christians today.
- 16. (Vs. 35)** Jesus contrasts two different kinds of spirituality in this verse.
- a. The spirituality of slavery. This is the heart attitude of the orphan who is constantly striving to earn other people's love and value, especially God's.
    - i. They live out of a sense of ought and must. A life of religious servitude.
  - b. The spirituality of position. The son or daughter know they are unconditionally loved by their Father.
    - i. They live from approval not for approval. They are at peace about their Father's acceptance and their place in his family.
  - c. Jesus challenges people who are religious slaves to choose to live as sons and daughters.
    - i. Slaves come and go in the household, but sons and daughters remain.
- 17. What do you need to address in your life so that you will live from the spirituality of position instead of slavery?**

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- 18. (Vs. 36)** Jesus introduces a blessing that we need to emphasize far more than we do.
- a. The blessing of freedom is ours in Jesus if we want it.
  - b. We can live free from slavery.
  - c. We can be set free from the orphan-hearted rebellion that he calls sin.
  - d. What does this freedom bring?
    - i. You are no longer bound to a legalistic drive to earn God’s love through performance.
    - ii. You can rest secure in Daddy’s unconditional affection.
    - iii. You are no longer enslaved by the desires of your human flesh. You have had your heart seized by the love of all loves and prefer the love of the Father to the love of this world.
  - e. Many of us are forgiven but not free. We need to be free INDEED!
- 19. (Vs. 38)** When Jesus was born on earth as a human being, he didn’t lose intimacy with the Father. Everything he said came from this unhindered and perfect union with Abba.
- a. This means that the Father’s desire is for us to live as free sons and daughters as Christ did.

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- b.** Is it possible for us as believers to have this kind of relationship with the Father? Yes or no.

    - i.** No- We cannot enjoy in this life the same kind of face-to-face intimacy with the Father that Jesus enjoyed in heaven and indeed on earth. He saw the Father, he heard the Father with no need of a mediator.
    - ii.** Yes- but our relationship is mediated through Jesus. We have access to Abba only through Jesus and the power of the Spirit. (Eph. 2:18). We cannot know the Father without knowing the Son, and we cannot know the Son without the help of the Holy Spirit.
  - c.** One day, we will see the Father face-to-face and He will wipe every tear from our eyes (Rev., 21:3-4).
  - d.** In the meantime, we relate to the Father through Jesus and experience His love through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. (Rom.5:5 TPT)
- 20. (Vs. 41)** In Greek, the word for “illegitimate child” is the word, “NOTHOS” used in Hebrews 12:8 for the person who will not accept the loving discipline of their Heavenly Father. This is NOT the word used here.
- a.** This phrase is better translated, “born of fornication” meaning they were born within the covenant marriage between Yahweh and his people.
  - b.** Jesus’ enemies have chosen law over love. They are falling back on the fact they can trace their ancestry back to Abraham.

    - i.** This is merely a legal fact.

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ii. It's not enough to say they're in the family whose Father is ultimately God.

c. Jesus reveals that you can be in the family and still have no intimate relationship with the Father. A child by law but not a child in love.

**21. (Vs. 42)** There are 13 glimpses of the Fatherhood of God in the Old Testament.

a. A few examples:

i. Deut. 1:31 Moses tells the Israelites that God led them through the wilderness as a Father carries his young son upon his shoulders.

ii. Psalm 68:5 David declares him as a Father to the fatherless.

iii. 2 Samuel 7:14 God says of Solomon that He will be his Father and he will be his son.

iv. Isaiah 63:16; 64:8 The people of Israel declare, "You are our Father."

b. God's desire from the beginning is that his people relate to him as Abba.

i. The Israelites, time and time again reject Him and follow foreign gods and idols. They continued to forget Him and abandon His ways.

c. Jesus confronts his fellow Jews who call God "Father" out of religion, but not out of relationship.

i. The proof of this is the fact that they fail to love Jesus. If they really knew God as Father, then they would recognize him as the son and welcome, honor and adore him.

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- d. It isn't enough for us to know God as Father conceptually; we must know the Father affectionately through his Son and through his Holy Spirit.
- 22. (Vs. 44)** Jesus is addressing those who have fallen away from him and are now accusing, threatening and trying to kill him.
- a. John includes this passage because he is writing to the Jews of the day who are still being persecuted by these apostates and he is encouraging his own readers not to fall into this demonic mindset, but to hold fast to the teachings of the Messiah.
  
  - b. We too must remain loyal to Jesus even if it means our own people reject us, as they did Jesus.
- 23. (vs. 47)** Jesus is driving his point home on the issue of those rejecting him. Because of their choice, they will be deaf to the Father's voice.
- a. Paul makes this point in Romans 8:14 when he says those who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God. They are fine tuned to Abba's voice.
    - i. Practical ways we can hear Abba's voice.
      - S- Scripture.
  
      - T- Testimony (We hear the Father's voice in our hearts- an inner witness).
  
      - A- Advice (Through the wisdom of other believers in the church).
  
      - R- Revelation (Prophetic phenomena such as dreams, pictures, visions, etc.).

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- S- Situation (He speaks to us through our circumstances).

**24. (Vs. 51)** Jesus is making a promise to all who believe that we will not experience a second death, a spiritual death.

- a. This is the last judgment at the end of time.
- b. When Jesus returns on the clouds in great glory, all will be raised from the dead, good and bad, and will be judged.
- c. Those who have chosen to believe in Jesus will live forever. Those who have rejected Jesus will experience a second, spiritual and eternal death.
- d. We must “obey” or “keep” his word. This means to guard, watch over and hold fast to.

**25. (Vs. 51)** Jesus’ enemies think that by being descendants of Abraham, this inoculated them against spiritual blindness and death.

- a. Jesus’ response was his clearest claim that he existed in history before he was born as a human being.
- b. Many believe Jesus actually met Abraham; that he was in the trinity visit of Genesis 18 at the oaks of Mamre.
- c. We need Him to visit us today!