

CCC Message Notes

"A Life that Comes Not from Trying but Dying" - John 12:20-36
Surrendering Completely to Everything God Desires & Intends
"The Gospel of John" series - part 24

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THEME / (The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

In a very real way success as a Christian isn't so much in trying but in dying.

APPLICATION / (What to Do with What You Hear)

Ask God for the wisdom & grace to apply the call to be done with the world & all its ways in any way they keep you from living the risen life in a fallen world.

FOCUS / (The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

Once Jesus rode into Jerusalem, there was no turning back for Him. While of course He could have walked away He didn't because He had come to do His Father's will.

In the passage we look at this morning we see the Christian life is fully realized in our death to the world that ultimately orchestrated the death of our Lord & Savior. We're reminded that the only way a seed brings forth life is if it first experiences death. The reality of this truth is something with which we need to wrestle & ultimately lose to win.

If you're looking for abundant life, you'll never find it apart from this intentional & full surrender. Until we "enter in" we'll never know what awaits. As a hero of mine sings, "If mourners should lament then let them weep for those alive, for only when self-will is killed can my soul survive."

May God have His way today making it clear to each one of us. His example becomes an invitation to us all to know Him in His death & resurrection.

What Jesus Did for Us Shows & Tells Us that ...

1. His DEATH means LIFE for US.

Without Jesus' death there'd be no life for us.

John 12:20-24 (Hebrews 12:2)

2. Our DEATH means MORE REAL & MORE ABUNDANT LIFE through US .

When we die to our sinful self we also die to sin & satan. The result is real life.

John 12:24-26 (Galatians 2:20 & Romans 6:1-4)

3. the CRUCIFIXION SEALED the ENEMY'S DEFEAT & affirms Jesus is THE LIGHT calling us to BE LIGHT in HIM.

Embrace Jesus' cross while carrying your own.

John 12:27-36 (Luke 9:23 / Ephesians 5:8 / Philippians 2:15 / 1 Thessalonians 5:5)

Making It Real Questions

- * Is it clear to you that Jesus death, burial & resurrection are examples & invitations for us?
- * Will you cry out to enter in to the abundant life that only happens after we die to self?
- * Do you celebrate the reality of Jesus' death knowing it accomplished all God intended?

Action Step

Write your prayer of surrender being specific concerning anything or anyone holding you back.