

“I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life” #3

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Please read John 14:1-10

Abraham went out not knowing where he was going. He only knew where to go by being dependent, desperate to hear the Lord and to know what God was doing. So God doesn't keep it a secret what He's doing. He reveals it in real time.

If we are looking at the greatest move of God that the world is ever going to see, it's going to depend on what the church does.

I think God keeps leaders in a place of desperation, where we need the voice of God. We need what God is saying, so that we know what to do, how to do it, and who to do it with.

We are living in a time of more and more deception. Deception is at an all time high, and we haven't seen anything yet. So, heads up!

Some people are satisfied just to be born again, to live their lives and apply a little bit of the Word of God to their life. But there's a time, as the Spirit of God deals with us, where we give more of our life to the Lord and we allow Him not to just be our savior, but to be Lord of our life.

The key to making Him Lord of your life is getting desperate to hear what God is saying and making that a real priority. Going deeper with the Lord is about your relationship with Him and growing in that relationship.

Jesus is the Word. *“He was in the beginning with God, all things were made through Him and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it”*. Life and light are both contained in agape love.

Like a light in a dark room allows us to see, so Jesus helps you to see with spiritual eyes, and His light enables us to see the things that God wants us to see. That's a big deal!

We are living in a time where, if you aren't careful, you will get consumed by the secular news and you will just look at what's going on around you. It can get very, very dark in a hurry. So, without you getting your feet on solid ground and getting some light coming into your life, you are going to be really, really discouraged in this season (time).

John 8: 12 says, *“I am the light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life”*.

If you embrace the truth and say yes or amen to this, the Lord will start to work out the details to cause this stuff to come to life in your life.

The life of God is coming in such a way that it just draws people to Him. The deeper you grow in your relationship with the Father, the simpler everything gets. God is nurturing you and bringing you to a deeper place with Him, which causes the light that's in you to glow even more.

You really don't have any idea of how greatly God is going to use you. *"Eye has not seen nor ear heard, nor has entered into the heart of man"*. We don't have the capacity to imagine the good things that God has planned for those who love Him. God is going to use you to such a degree that it's going to blow your mind. But you have to watch out and be careful for pride, that it doesn't enter into you.

There's a spiritual battle going on. You have already been given the victory, but you have to carry it out and execute judgment on the demonic, the enemy. You have authority, but if you don't use it, you can get whipped every day. You have the authority to rebuke the enemy, and he has to do what you say.

"I've come that you might have life". **ZOE** means eternal life. It's the essence and the fullness of who God is. **He's the way, the truth and the life.**

If you want to know more about love, read 1 Corinthians 13 and 1st, 2nd and 3rd John, which is a great place to start.

Conditional love isn't really love at all. What good is it if you just love the ones who love you? That's why you need someone in your circle of influence who is hard to love.

Everything He's done, doing, or will do, is motivated by love. If it's going to work in your life, it has to be relational for you, connecting relationally with God. It's you and Him. It's interacting, learning how to talk to Him and to listen to Him.

So, we are to guard our heart. Everything that we go through in life is either okayed or vetoed by our heart.

"Zoe life is so important. It determines whether we live a life that's charged with the life of God Himself, compared to an existence where we merely go through ritual, robotic motions, day after day, with no experience of heaven flooding our soul". From Lineal Baker.

"Jesus came that we would have spiritual life that overflows more than enough, reaching every part of our human spirit, every part of our soul realm, mind and emotions, reaching every part of our physical body, our finances, our relationships and all that has to do with our temporal and spiritual life". From Lineal Baker.

Eternity is not just at the end, like a lot of people think. The life we are now living is contained inside of eternity. So, because you're already living in an eternity, you can have the God kind of life now and not have to postpone it and wait till the end.

If you have been doing just a little bit of what we've been talking about, you are going to find yourself not just in spiritual things, but in everything that you do, operating at a whole greater level of wisdom, in your finances and in your relationships.

The real test is this: Can we live like Jesus did? You will need the help of the Holy Spirit to do that. **But you can love like Jesus did!** You might have to struggle with a few things, but I believe you will pass the test.

"Love one another as I have loved you". This kind of love looks for opportunity to love. I hope to never miss an opportunity to agape, to love. I bet I've missed it a lot. What about you?

God is not always hugs and kisses. Whom the Lord loves, He chastens and disciplines. We have a world full of people now that have never been disciplined. God disciplines those He loves, like sons.

“These things have I spoken to you, that my joy might be in you”. That’s different than you just having joy.

In the midst of darkness, trials and attacks, you’re going to encounter life. We’re learning as we go. We ought to be able to have the joy of the Lord in the midst of the hardest trials that we have ever been through.

When you get your joy challenged, you have to embrace it. You have to lay hold of it. You have to understand that it’s down deep inside. Remember that the enemy wants to steal your joy.

The Bible talks about the peace of God that passes understanding, peace that’s so deep, so solid that even in the midst of the greatest trials of life, you can feel secure and safe in what’s happening around you.

For Kingdom people, Personal Peace is the ability to not waver when faced with impossibilities.

As we grow in our relationship with God, we still go through good times, hard times, mountains and valleys. But as we deepen in our relationship, it’s not long before you start to walk through them like they are little blips on the screen every now and then.

The peace of God means stability and confidence in the grace of God, learning to be content in whatever state you are in.

God is very serious about us being forgivers.

The abundant life cannot be had apart from the total devotion to God. The more you yield, the more you can walk in and display for others to see the fullness of God.

The Kingdom is coming in our house. If you’re looking, you can see it. You have no idea how expansively and how broadly the Lord is going to use you, so it’s so important to get out of His way and let Him bring the Kingdom here as fully as He wants it to come.

The enemy has placed a target on our house and will try to take us down, because he hates this. So do some spiritual warfare for the house, concerning the direction we are to take, and about us not being deceived, and those kinds of things.

You have to watch out for pride, because you’re at risk. The people who think they’re not at risk will be the first ones to fall. The ones who think, *“I don’t know if I’ll make it or not”*, will probably make it.

Watch out for pride, because the first time you lay hands on someone with stage four cancer, and you get a call two days later, and you find out that they have been cured, you’re going to have to deal with this stuff that I’m taking about. Are you open for that? Are you available for that?

“Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time”. God is dealing with things right now in your life, to make you like Jesus. Some of this is really hard,

really uncomfortable.

God is about doing a quick, thorough work. He's testing you to the brink, to get your total attention, your total devotion. The ones that the Father is going to use the most are going to get tested the deepest.

When you overcome these situations, you have a special anointing to help others who are going through similar circumstances.

The testings that you are going through might not be spiritual at all. They could be physical, relational, emotional, financial, as a parent, as a friend, your job, or whatever. These testings are going to tell you a lot about your life, how God has gifted you, and has given you talents.

I'd be concerned if I wasn't getting tested right now.

If you're in a decent place in the Lord, you cannot have gotten there by yourself. Ain't no way! Your testimony reveals how the Father saved you.

Your test is proportionate to the glory that God's going to bring in your life. So if you got a hard, deep intense test happening, congratulations!

God has given three things that are happening now, more than I have seen before here. **Clarity, intensity, and consistency.**

God wants people out there to see something genuine and authentic- and not some cheap imitation, not some church boy.

Start seeing your test differently, rather than as something bad for you.

I know for some of you, it's out of your comfort zone to come down to the front, but I do think it means something when you do that, because you're exercising courage and you're exercising a little faith, and sometimes it takes something simple like stepping out of your chair to unlock and set free the moving of the Spirit in your life.

Begin to ask God for a strong resolve, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to be obedient in this test. It's a hurdle you're going to get over, which sets you into a whole other real, when you start to walk by faith in those things.

The main thing is that you continue to trust Him. And how you do that? **Jesus is the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE.** This gives you the highest form of abundant life.

I just pray for a stronger measure of intensity, a stronger measure of clarity and a stronger measure of consistency for every one of us.