

John 16 Part 2

Recap: We've talked about our mission as believers as causing others to believe in the Messiah, bringing all glory to God. We've spoken of hatred and persecution from the lost world because of Jesus' testimony. We've also spoken about Jesus coming death & His sending of the Comforter. We also talked about the Holy Spirit's ministry in the unsaved, as well as how He would give the disciples supernatural remembrance of Jesus' teachings.

16. **A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.**
17. **Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father?**
18. **They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith.**
19. **Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye inquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me?**

Jesus is speaking here of His impending death and burial... and then His resurrection & ascension!!

20. **Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.**
21. **A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.**
22. **And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.**

Are you experiencing this joy?

23. **And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.**
24. **Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.**

Are you experiencing this reality?

The Power of Biblical Thinking

Intro: We've all heard the phrase "*the power of positive thinking.*"

That's all well and good, and we are supposed to think on "good" things, but TRULY thinking Biblically as a Christian will change - your - life. It's changing mine.

I'm not talking about just having a Biblical world view. I'm not just talking about believing Bible principals either. What am I talking about then? Let me illustrate:

First, lets find out whether or not we are thinking Biblically. There are symptoms if we are not:

- I.** Do you feel like you are living the same week over and over in your Christianity?
- II.** Do you feel prone to have a disconnect in your walk with God?

- We read God's word
- We internalize what It says
- But our lives are still full of strife, disappointment, discontentment and discouragement

- III.** Are you struggling with sins such as selfishness, frustration, lust, or covetousness?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above statements, then odds are - you aren't thinking Biblically.

TURN TO MATT 17:14-21

There is POWER in thinking Biblically!!!!

*How do I think Biblically?***1. LET YOUR FAITH ACT**

"Thinking Biblically" is synonymous with real faith.
The reasons I phrase it "Thinking Biblically" is:

Firstly, to jar us from our faulty understanding of faith. Faith isn't just wishful thinking. It isn't *just* belief either! It is EVIDENCE, IT IS SUBSTANCE, AND IT IS DEAD WITHOUT WORKS!

Secondly, Faith is bound up in our hearts and minds.
Proverbs 23: 7 tells us As a man "*thinketh in his heart, so is he.*"

Faith isn't just asking. - *Matt 7;7,8*

Sure, we ask. But we don't seek or knock.

Asking is like having intellectual belief in Who God is.

Seeking and Knocking are the other 2/3rds of real faith! No wonder we are struggling, stuck, and sad!

*Asking Evan to come up front, and he says "what?" Instead of coming
Lauren asking if he could have one too, and I say sure, but he doesn't come get it.*

Let me illustrate this in the area of reading God's Word:

Does it ever feel like a homework assignment to read your Bible?

How do we not?

1. Love it!
2. Value it!
3. Cherish it!
4. Obey it!
5. Live it out!
6. Look for ways to show your faith by your works!

*Have you ever learned some new skill you couldn't wait to show people?
That's how we should feel about the Bible. We should be learning! We should be changing!*

How many of you have used Google or YouTube for a tutorial?

Do you just watch it, and say "Okay, it served its purpose."

And that's it? NO! You are looking to change something, to fix something, to improve something, and you immediately put it into practice!

Look at what Jesus says in Matthew 7:24-29

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. 28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: 29 For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

2. DON'T THINK - TRUST ACTIVELY

A. Don't take thought! - REST - *Matt 6:27*

- What if Evan gets the card, and he's worried if it will work
- What does this look like? *Phil 4:7*

*I've casted all my care upon Him, but I'm still worrying.
Then you haven't really casted! Simple!*

B. Don't take thought! - SEEK - *Matt 6:33*

- What if Seth is trying to strategize how he can come to me, and doesn't want to try.

- How do I know if I'm seeking or not?
Are you OK with where you are in your relationship with the Lord?

READ PHIL 3:13-16

Then you're not seeking. Period.

3. EXPECT, AND LIVE LIKE GOD IS WORKING!

We shouldn't say we have faith and then live the same!

If you had a literal meeting with Jesus every morning, would your days, weeks, months, and years be the same!?

If you live worried, you will never be free.
If you live defeated, you will never have victory.
If you believe you'll never change, you won't.
If you don't expect God to speak to you through His Word, He won't.
If you don't ask, you won't receive.
If you don't seek, you will never find.
If you don't knock, it will never be opened.

Let's change!
Let's do it together!
I'm sick of living to survive. I'm sick of just staying afloat.
God created us to thrive, and to soar.

Let's expect God to revive us - and He will!

Luke 22:31-32 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

- 25. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.**
- 26. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:**
- 27. For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.**
- 28. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.**

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16

- 29. His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb.**
- 30. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.**
- 31. Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe?**
- 32. Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.**

...Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled. – Matthew 26:56

- 33. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.**

THINK BIBLICALLY. IT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE.