

SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY



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Depending On God

Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm – Starting 1/15/2020
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Study Schedule Jan - Feb

| Date | Topic | Scripture |
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| 1/22/2020 | In Praise of Faith | Hebrews 11:1 – 16 |
| 2/5/2020 | Abraham: Faith Under Construction | Genesis 12:1 – 9 |
| 2/12/2020 | In Jesus Name: Faith That Asks | John 16:16 – 28 |
| 2/19/2020 | The Finale of Faith | II Timothy 4:6 – 18 |



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Lesson 3:

In Jesus Name: Faith That Asks

John 16:16 – 28



Group Discussion: Would you say it is easier for you to ask the Lord for small things or big things? Why?

Courageous: "God Helps Javier "



Javier Martinez is an immigrant struggling to provide for his family. After being laid off and asking God what do, The Lord answers in an unusual way.

Questions

- How Does Javier's description of his day help him to see that God is working in His life?
- How does the unexpected job and money bring hope – even though there are still "unknowns"
- What is the role of faith in this experience? How do you think Javier's children will respond when they hear this story?
- When have you seen God answer prayers in an unexpected way?
- Would you say it is easier for you to ask the Lord for small things or big things? Why?

The Gospel of John

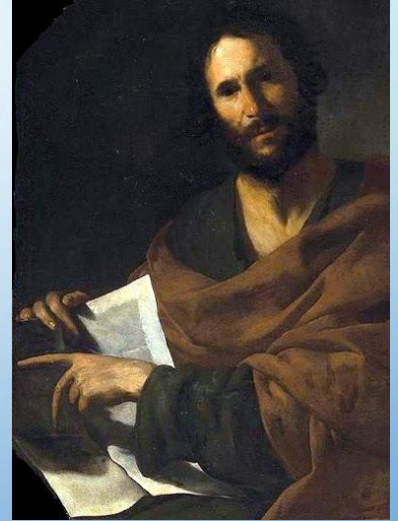
Author: John 21:20–24 describes the author of the gospel of John the Apostle “the disciple whom Jesus loved”

Date of Writing: AD 85—90.

Purpose of Writing: John cites the purpose of the gospel of as follows: “... *that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name*” (John 20:3) John emphasized Jesus as “the Son of God,” fully God and fully man.

Practical Application:

- John’s teachings concerning the deity of Christ (John 1:1–3, 14; 5:22–23; 8:58; 14:8–9; 20:28)
- The gospel of John continues to fulfill its purpose of evangelizing the lost (John 3:16).
- Jesus comforting words to His disciples before His death (John 14:1–6, 16; 16:33) are still of great comfort in sorrowful times.



John the Apostle



John 16:16 – 19 (NKJV)

Sorrow Will Turn to Joy

16 “A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father.”

17 Then some of His disciples said among themselves, “What is this that He says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I go to the Father’?”

18 They said therefore, “What is this that He says, ‘A little while’? We do not know what He is saying.”

19 Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, “Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’?”



John 16:20 – 24 (NKJV)

20 Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.

21 A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

22 Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.

23 “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

24 Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.



John 16:25 – 28 (NKJV)

Jesus Christ Has Overcome the World

25 “These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father.

26 In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you;

27 for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.

28 I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”

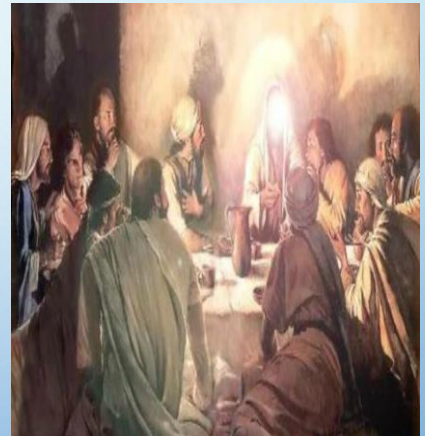
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1. What is the primary theme of Jesus' words? Why were the disciples confused (vv. 16 – 18)?

The Focus of Jesus Word's

- He would shortly be leaving them but would come back
- They would be sad and sorrowful when Jesus leaves.
- He would come back to them on His way to the Father.
- Jesus had already told them that He would die on the Cross and rise again.



The Confusion of the Disciples

- They were confused about Him leaving in **“a little while”**
- They were confused about Him returning in **“a little while”**
- They were confused about Him going back **“To The Father”**
- Although Jesus had told repeatedly that He would be arrested, killed and rise again from the grave – their lack of faith caused confusion.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.” (John 14:1)

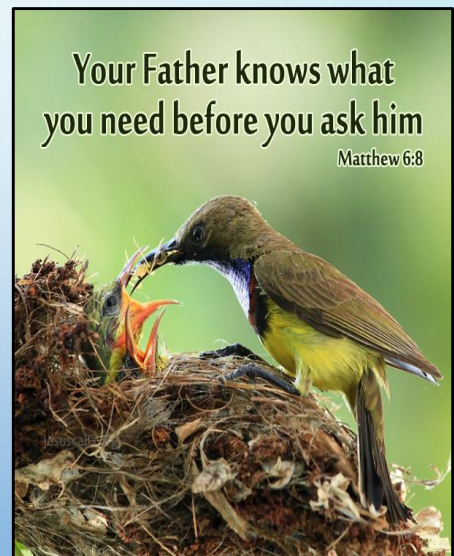
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2. How did Jesus respond to their apprehension (vv. 19 – 24)?

How Jesus Responds To His Troubled Disciples

- **He Responds With Perception And Compassion (vv. 19 – 20).** – *Jesus sees our need and knows our thoughts and fears.*
- **He Responds With A Parable For Clarity (vv. 21 - 22)** – *Jesus' Word will teach us in a way that we can understand when we take time to listen.*
- **He Responds With A Promise For Comfort (vv. 23 – 24)** - *When we are troubled, Jesus has a Promise that fits our situation.*



Your Father knows what you need before you ask him

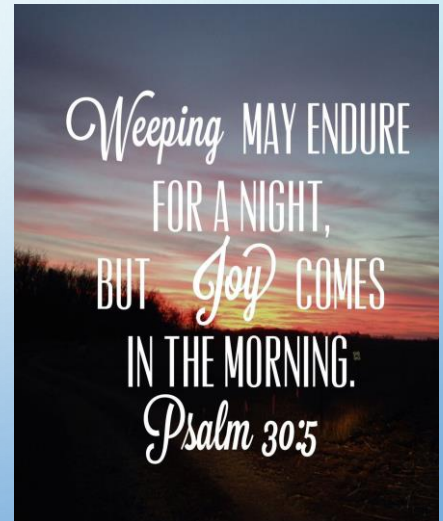
Matthew 6:8

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3. How does childbirth illustrate what they were going to experience (vv. 20-22)?

- In a culture where children were born at home in small houses, childbirth was a familiar event.
- The disciples would experience suffering when Jesus left, but they would come through their suffering and would see its purpose.
- Like a woman experiencing childbirth, their pain would be fruitful, resulting in life and joy.



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4. What experiences in your past enable you to confidently pray with faith?

Elijah Prays For 3 Yr. Drought



1 Kings 17:1

Elijah Prays For Rain



1 Kings 18:41 - 45

ELIJAH WAS AS HUMAN AS WE ARE, AND YET WHEN HE PRAYED EARNESTLY THAT NO RAIN WOULD FALL, NONE FELL FOR THREE AND A HALF YEARS! THEN, WHEN HE PRAYED AGAIN, THE SKY SENT DOWN RAIN AND THE EARTH BEGAN TO YIELD ITS CROPS.

James 5:17-18

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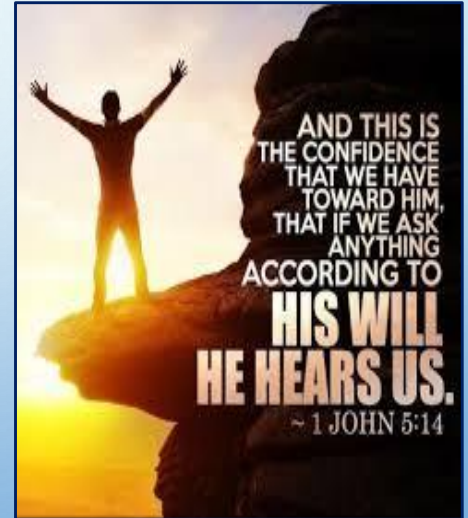
5. What do you think Jesus means by “ask in my name” (vv. 26 – 27)?

What It Does Not Mean:

- That’s “in Jesus’ name” is a spiritual lever by which we can move God to do what we want.
- “In Jesus’ name” is a magical formula that we use to conjure up worldly possessions.
- It is the blanket “Stamp of Approval” for any prayer request.

What It Does Mean:

- Our intent to ask only what the Son of God would ask.
- Jesus’ Name has power. Prayer in His Name brings results.
- A need met via answered prayer in Jesus Name - glorifies the Father in Heaven.

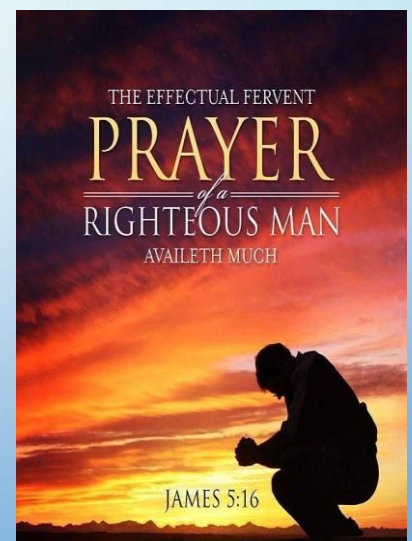


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6. What are the implications of verses 23 – 28 for a Christian’s prayer life?

- Pray Specifically – *We are to ask the Father for **whatever** we need.*
- Pray Confidently/Consistently – *Asking in Jesus Name gives us the confidence that our prayer is heard.*
- Pray Faithfully – *Believing In The Authority of Jesus Name – that He can and that He will.*
- Pray Expectantly – *Praising and Thanking God with Joy in advance for the Answer to our request.*
- Pray Relationally – *Understanding that we are praying to Our Heavenly Father **that personally loves and cares for us.***



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7. Why is joy a logical result of asking in Jesus' name (v. 24)?

- The Joy Of Bringing Our Requests To A Father Who Loves You And Wants To Be Good To You.
- The Joy Of Being Sure That The Father Is More Than Able To Do What We Asked.
- The Joy Of Knowing – Being Confidently Assured That Our Father Will Give Us What We Asked For And Even More.
- The Joy Of Being In Close Relationship With An Awesome And Loving God/Father.



If you, then, even though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him (Matt. 7:11)

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8. How can we avoid misusing the privilege of asking in Jesus' name?

- By Having A Good Knowledge Of The Truth Of The Word Of God.
- Having A Desire To Do And Have The Will Of God In Our Lives As The Highest Priority.
- Having The Faith To Accept Anyway That God Chooses To Answer Our Prayers.
- Asking For Things That Are In Accordance With God's Will.
- Maintaining A Joyful And Thankful Attitude Regardless Of The Current Circumstances.
- Trusting That The Father Loves Me And Will Always Do What Is Best For Me.





Keys For Living

- While it is true that we will face difficulties in this life, Jesus has promised that He will make a way for us to experience true and lasting joy.
- Because of the Person and Work of Christ, we have the privilege and authority to appeal directly to God's heavenly throne for the things we need.
- Because of God love for us (that is expressed in Jesus Christ) we can ask for whatever we need – great or small, in Jesus' Name.



Questions?



ASK. SEEK. KNOCK.

it will be given.

you will find.

the door will open to you.

For everyone who asks receives; who seeks finds;
who knocks, the door will be opened.

Luke 11:9-10