

Tree of Life!

Part 2: "Keeping Them in His Name!"

Looking at the Tree... *Have you been thinking about it...? Jesus, living out His values* for us to see and copy...? (discipleship) *Jesus, wanting us to be trees of life* planted by a river of living water, to bear much fruit...? (vital discipleship) *Jesus primary value*, and cost, of living out this life to do God's will and not His own...? (focused discipleship) **Any doubts?**

"My meat (sustenance, motivation) is to do the will of Him that sent Me and to finish His work..." **John 4.34** "I seek not My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me..." **John 5.30** "I did not come down from heaven to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me..." **John 6.38** "I speak to the world the things that I have heard from God!" **John 7.16, 8.26**

Any doubts? About the cost: the dis-comfort? The un-easy-ness? The non-convenience of His values? Out of His comfort zone... in heaven! To do a job that was not easy... to live and die for us! And never convenient... living among a people of great needs and contradictions! ***And never batting an eye...!***

Any doubts? That we are called to be like Him? "For this is the will of God, that you believe on His son and that believing you may have eternal life?" **John 5.40** "And the ones He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed into the image of His dear Son that He would be the firstborn among many!" **Romans 8.29** "So, be mimics of God as dear children and walk in love as Christ who loved us and gave Himself for us as an offering and sweet fragrance to God!" **Ephesians 5.1,2**

Caveat... *Everything I am telling you cuts against the grain of a non-biblical, mixed- worldview Christianity...* But it is the core of a BWV, and you will know it *if you will think about it*. **Primary model of Jesus!** Dozens of Bible verses to prove it. **And it will keep you from major disappointment of "seeing Him and knowing how [little] much like Him we look!"** Church time is for coding transformation!

So, we are called to... *Know God and His will...* Word, Spirit and Testimonies... ***To become like His Son...*** A Tree of Life planted by living water that bears much fruit in season and never withers away... ***To live a fruitful life that invites people to taste and see how good God is...*** Keeping them in His name, losing none of the ones He has given us...

So, we are called to... *Go out "anointed with the Holy Spirit and power, doing good and healing all that are oppressed of the devil, God being with us!"* **Acts 10.38** "For this purpose was the son of God manifest, to destroy the works of the devil!" **1John 3.8** "As He was sent, so we have been sent out into the world by Him!" **John 17.18** "And he that believes on Him, greater works will he do than Jesus did because He went to the Father!" **John 14.12**

Live out our values in Christ... "We must be doers of the word and not hearers only otherwise we are just deceiving ourselves! **James 1.22** "What does it profit if a man says he has faith but there are no works to back it up? Faith without works is dead being alone! Like a body without breath is dead, so faith without works is dead also!" **James 2.14,17,26** "We must let our light shine before men so that they see our good works and glorify God in Heaven!" **Matthew 5.16**

Transmit a saving testimony to others... keeping them in His name! Constantly; at the rate of sixty seconds per minute! Non-verbal if possible, with words if necessary! **Consistent-and-growing!** The things that were hard 'yesterday' are not the things we struggle with today! **Confident!** We know who we're following and that He is well able to keep us from falling!

Going to stop and transition here to putting what we have heard in practice! Think about securing the people of your world by transmitting a testimony... To keep them, and all who will hear in His name!

Crowd Sourcing a Testimony!

We have a new project to accomplish! "Keeping Them in His Name" curriculum! We need fifty two real life "What God did!" stories to tell! What could be better illustrations of our BWV solutions than our testimonies? We need you to share your testimony and give us your "outline!" We will make them age appropriate and detail them with activities/clips/skits!

We have so many success stories of God meeting us in our brokenness... with His word and His ways! Using them to be delivered from: illicit sexuality, adultery, the love of money, illness, honesty, rebellion, anger, fear, failing, succeeding, thinking more highly of ourselves than we should, not thinking highly enough, offenses, forgiveness...

The lessons are as unique as we are! The successes applicable to so many!
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Looking at the Tree...

This is about looking at the Tree of Life, Jesus, and the way He did life to secure us!

This is about being secure because we are trees of life planted by rivers of living water!

This is about securing the people God loves, and giving them His name, testimony by testimony, keeping His name before them so none are lost!

Keeping Them in His Name

Topic: _____

Objective: _____

Scripture: _____

Bible Story/ Truth: _____

Example: _____

Application: _____

Can we contact you? NAME: _____

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