

Intimacy With Jesus
A Study Of John 1:35-51
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John 1:35 Again the next day John was standing with **two** of his disciples

Only Two Disciples?? John baptized multitudes
Luke.3:10

WHY ONLY TWO ??? WHERE WERE THE REST???

For These Two Disciples, their **FIRST PRIORITY** was **SEEKING** and **DESIRING** to **KNOW MORE ABOUT JESUS** the **MESSIAH**.

JESUS told us WHY there is only a few in the parable of the Sower: Matthew 13:18+

The SEED is The WORD SOWN with four possible results:

- ❖ **Beside the Road** – When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and **does not understand it**, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. There are those who hear the Word but harden their hearts. Hebrews 3:8
- ❖ **Rocky places** – this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet **he has no firm root in himself**, but is only temporary, and when **affliction** or **persecution** arises because of The Word, **immediately he falls away**. 1 John 2:19

- ❖ **Thorns** - these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with **WORRIES** and **RICHS** and **PLEASURES** of this life and bring no fruit to maturity. Luke 8:14 Many are in this group
- ❖ **Good soil** – these are the ones who have **heard** the word in an honest and **good heart**, and **hold it fast**, and bear fruit with **perseverance**. Luke 8:15

The THORNS:

- **WORRIES**: Choke the Word: Matthew 6:25-33
I say to you, **do not be worried** about your life, as to what you will eat or drink; or as to what you will put on. (31) **Do not worry** . . . your heavenly FATHER knows that you need all these **things**. (33) But **seek FIRST** HIS Kingdom and HIS righteousness, **and all these things will be added to you**.

Philippians 4:6-7 **Be anxious for nothing**, but in everything by prayer and supplication with **thanksgiving** let your requests be made known to God. (7) And the **peace of God**, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your **hearts** and your **minds** in CHRIST JESUS.

Titus 2:11-12 For the **GRACE** of GOD has appeared instructing us to **deny ungodliness** and **worldly desires** and to live **sensibly**, righteously and godly in the present age

RICHES: Choke the Word

Luke 10:13 You cannot serve GOD & **RICHES**

1 Timothy 6:9 Those who **want** to GET **RICH** fall into **temptation** and a **snare** and many foolish and **harmful desires** which plunge men into **RUIN** and **DESTRUCTION**.

Example: Rich Young Ruler Luke 18:18

Hebrews 13:5 Make sure that your character is **free from the love of money**, being **CONTENT** with what you have.

1 Timothy 3:3; 6:10

THINGS / PLEASURES (Luke 8:14) Choke the Word

1 John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the **THINGS** that are in the world

❖ It is a matter of the **HEART** / Priorities / What is of **Value** to you.

Matthew 6:21 where **your treasure** is, there will **your heart** be also.

Luke 17:11 JESUS HEALED TEN LEPERS

Now **one of them**, when he saw that he had been healed, **turned back, glorifying GOD with a loud voice**, 16 and he **fell on his face** at HIS feet, **giving thanks to HIM**. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Then JESUS answered and said, **Were there not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?** 18

Was no one found who returned to give glory to GOD, except this foreigner?

- ❖ How many Blessings do we receive and go merrily on our way?
- ❖ The Attitude of Gratitude 1 Thessalonians 5:18
In **EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS**; for this is GOD's **will for you** in CHRIST JESUS.

JESUS taught multitudes > but who REALLY PURSUED HIM??

HE called twelve disciples > but some were closer than the rest. Out of the **12** Disciples > **3** pursued HIM more than the rest Peter, James and John. Out of the **3** there was > **1** that pursued HIM more than the others. ONE WAS CLOSER THAN ALL.

John 13:23-25 There was reclining on Jesus' chest **one** of HIS disciples (John) whom **JESUS loved**. 24 So Simon Peter gestured to him, and said to him, Tell us who it is of whom HE is speaking. 25 He, leaning back thus on JESUS' bosom, said to Him, "Lord, who is it?" See John 21:20-24

Actually, we all are as close to JESUS as we REALLY want to be.

THE HEART OF PAUL: A Good Example for us.

Whatever **THINGS** were gain to me, those **THINGS** I have counted as **loss** for the sake of CHRIST. (8) More than that, I

count **all THINGS** to be loss in view of the **SURPASSING VALUE OF KNOWING CHRIST JESUS MY LORD**, for whom **I have suffered the loss of all THINGS**, and count them but rubbish **so that I may gain CHRIST**, (9) and may be found in HIM. Philippians 3:7-9

Where your treasure is, (what is of most Value to you) **there your heart will be also**. Matthew 6:21

Isaac Watts, in his hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" also recognized the snare of "**things**" when he wrote: "May it never be that I should boast - Save in the Cross of Christ my King - And **all the vain things** that **charm me most** - **I cast aside**, to His cross alone I cling."

The problem is -> **THINGS CHARM US** . . Take our time & attention. And one Charmer stands out above the rest, our mobile phone :o(

It is a matter of the Heart / Our Priorities / what is of Value to you. **Where your TREASURE IS**

These are the main reasons Why it is ALWAYS > ONLY A FEW :o(How about YOU ?

John 1:36-37 and he looked at JESUS as HE walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" (37) The two disciples heard him speak, and **they followed JESUS**.

THIS IS DISCIPLESHIP -> PREPARING HEARTS TO SEEK & FOLLOW JESUS. THIS IS THE WORK OF EVERY BELIEVER, AS A MINISTER OF THE LORD -> TO INTRODUCE PEOPLE TO THEIR SAVIOR.

John 1:38 And **JESUS turned** and saw them following, and said to them, "**What do you seek?**" They said to HIM, "Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?"

- ❖ **And Jesus turned** -> This is the way you get HIS Attention. Start **desiring, seeking** a more intimate relationship with HIM. Follow HIM.
- ❖ They were face to face / eye to eye with JESUS. What would that be like?
- ❖ And JESUS asks them a QUESTION – the **same question** **He asks us** time & time again: **What are you seeking? / What do you want / What do you desire?**
 - He sees your heart and your deeds. You MUST tell HIM the truth.

They had a good answer – **Where are you staying?** They wanted to be **WITH HIM.**

For **THESE TWO** - Their DESIRE / their PRIORITY / their HUNGER was -> **TO KNOW HIM** more intimately !

- John 15:7 **If you remain with Me, and My Words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it shall be done for you.** This is HOW PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED

Because: **He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek HIM** Hebrews 11:6

People will pursue whatever their PASSION is.

The PASSION and MOTIVATION OF **JESUS**:

John 17:24 **FATHER, I DESIRE** that they also, whom YOU have given ME, **BE WITH ME where I am**, so that **they may see MY GLORY** which YOU have given ME. HE WANTS YOU **WITH HIM . . . EVERY DAY !**

The Passion and Motivation of Mary:

LUKE 10:38-42 HE entered a village; and a woman named **Martha** welcomed HIM into her home. 39 She had a sister called **Mary**, who was **seated at the LORD's feet, listening to HIS Word**. 40 But **MARTHA WAS DISTRACTED** with all her preparations; and she came up to HIM and said, LORD, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me. (sounds like some of our prayers) 41 But the LORD answered and said to her, Martha, Martha, **you are worried and bothered about so many things**; 42 but **ONLY ONE THING IS NECESSARY**, for **MARY** has **chosen** the better part, **which shall not be taken away from her**.

MARTHA: **distracted** – **worried** - **bothered** with so many **THINGS** – **THE THORNS.** MARY . . . **“ONLY ONE THING”**

Psalms 27:4 The PASSION of **DAVID**: (a good Life verse)

ONE THING I have asked from the LORD, that shall I seek after, That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To **behold** the beauty of the LORD And to **meditate** in HIS temple.

The LORD's response to David's plea:

Acts 13:22 I have found David, **a man after my heart**, who **will do all My will.**

The PASSION of **JOSHUA**: Exodus 33:7-11

Moses took the tabernacle, and put it up far off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, that **everyone** which **sought the LORD** went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation. 8 And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, that all the people rose up, and stood every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle. 9 And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloud pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and **the LORD talked with Moses.** 10 And all the people saw the cloud pillar stand at the tabernacle door:

and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door. 11 And the LORD **spoke to Moses face to face**, as a man speaks to his friend. And he turned again into the camp: **BUT HIS SERVANT JOSHUA**, the son of Nun, a young man, **DID NOT DEPART OUT OF THE TABERNACLE.**

It was a tabernacle for the whole congregation, all of the people to meet with The LORD. Of All the young men that came out of Egypt with Moses, it appears **ONLY ONE** Really Pursued, Really desired a closer knowledge of the LORD and HIS ways.

ONLY ONE, ONLY JOSHUA DESIRED ONLY **ONE THING !**

WHY WERE THERE NOT OTHERS ?

2 Chronicles 16:9 For the eyes of The LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that HE may **strongly support** those **whose heart is completely His.** HE IS LOOKING FOR YOU !

John 1:39 HE said to The two men, **Come, and you will see.** So **they came** and **saw** where He was staying; and **they stayed with Him** that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

❖ John 11:40 JESUS said . . . if you believe, **YOU WILL SEE** the GLORY of GOD.

❖ Luke 4:18 JESUS came to give **recovery of sight for the blind** That is Good News for all of us

JESUS SAYS TO ALL OF US "COME AND YOU WILL SEE"

THIS IS SO TRUE. All a person needs to do is COME TO JESUS.

A Good Example of Desperately Pursuing JESUS with a Motivation **to SEE**:

Matthew 9:27-30 And as JESUS passed on from there, **two blind men** followed HIM, crying out, and saying, Have mercy on us, Son of David! 28 When HE entered the house, the blind men came up to HIM, and JESUS said to them, **Do you believe that I am able to do this?** They said to Him, Yes, Lord. 29 Then HE touched their eyes, saying, **It shall be done to you according to your faith.** 30 **And their eyes were opened.**

Luke 24:13-35 Two On The Road To Emmaus

(15) **JESUS approached** and began traveling **with** them.

(16) But **their eyes were prevented from recognizing**

HIM. 17 **What are you discussing?** 27 Then beginning with

Moses and with all the prophets, HE explained to them the

things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. 28 And they

approached the village where they were going, and HE acted

as though HE were going farther. (29) But **they COMPELLED**

Him, saying, **Stay with us**, 30 HE took the bread and blessed

it, and breaking it, HE began giving it to them. **Then their eyes were opened** and **they recognized HIM**

Luke 16:16 . . the kingdom of GOD is preached & everyone is **forcing** his way into it.

- Come, and you will see -

John 1:40-51 One of the two who heard John speak and followed HIM, was **Andrew**, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He **first found his own brother** Simon and said to him, We have found the Messiah. (42) And **He brought him to JESUS.**

- Those who spend time in the Presence of the LORD are **driven by joy** to FIND and TELL Others.

(43) The next day He purposed to go into Galilee, and He found **Philip**. And Jesus said to him, "**Follow ME.**" 45 **Philip found Nathanael** and said to him, **We have found Him** of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote — **JESUS of Nazareth**, the son of Joseph.

(46) **Nathanael** said to him, Can any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip said to him, **COME AND SEE.** 47 JESUS **saw Nathanael coming** to HIM, and said of him, **Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!**" 48 Nathanael said to Him, How do You know me? JESUS answered and said to him, **Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.**

HE saw YOU also, long before You saw HIM. HE watches over HIS own.

He chose you in Him before the foundation of the earth.

Ephesians 1:4

(49) **Nathanael** answered HIM, Rabbi, YOU are the SON of GOD; YOU are the KING of Israel. 50 JESUS answered and said to him, Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? **You will see greater things than these.** Verse 50 is **A PROMISE** TO YOU also:

John 14:12 I tell you the truth, **anyone** who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even **greater works**, because I am going to be with the Father.

The More Time You Spend With HIM The More **GREATER THINGS YOU WILL SEE**. . . DREAMS / VISIONS / REVELATION / HEALINGS

- Our Choice: GREATER **THINGS** or the “**things**” of this world.

FATHER, **I desire** that they whom YOU have given ME, be **WITH ME** where I am, so that they may **SEE MY GLORY**

John 17:24

Now is THE ACCEPTABLE TIME, Today is THE DAY 2 Cor 6:2

- You need to make a Decision of what is important to you.
- To make a Decision as to what you will seek.
- To realign your priorities.

It is as if we have our Passport -> we have our ticket -> we have been allowed admittance into the terminal for departure to new and higher places -> but it is as if we are sitting on the BAGGAGE CAROUSEL at the airport going round and round. But prevented from GOING ON by all the BAGGAGE of THINGS we think we must have with us. -> our BAGGAGE is OVERLOADED. It is like the LORD told the Rich Young Ruler: [Go sale all you have and come follow me.](#)

Jesus is standing at the top of the Escalator calling us HIGHER > to another Realm of an Eternal Amazing LIFE.

Calling us to **Come FLY AWAY WITH HIM.** To ENTER and LIVE in the KINGDOM OF GOD. Where all **THINGS** are provided . . . and **GREATER THINGS** are seen.

Luke 12:30-32 For all these **THINGS** the nations of the world eagerly seek; but **your FATHER knows that you need these things.** 31 But **SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM,** and these **THINGS will be added to you.** 32 Do not be afraid, little flock, for your FATHER has chosen gladly to **give you the Kingdom.**

So:

LAY IT DOWN / TURN IT LOOSE / PUT IT BEHIND YOU / WALK AWAY FROM IT TO JESUS. / Change your focus / Change your Pursuits / Change your Priorities.

Matthew 11:28-30 **Come to Me**, all who are **weary** and **heavy-laden** and I will give you **rest**. Take My yoke (not the world's) upon you and **learn from Me**, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and **YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS**. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

So, it requires **ONE THING** -> we Must break out of the "Briar Patch" (the thorns) long enough to Spend **Time** with HIM.

Listening and **Talking** is Necessary and All Important for an **INTIMATE** Relationship with JESUS.

It Requires **DESIRE - SEEKING - COMMUNION** with the LORD

Jesus became a man – lived as one of us – WHEN did He commune with His Father???

Mark 1:35 In the **early morning, while it was still dark**, JESUS got up, left the house, and went to a secluded place, and was praying

1. **The time that Jesus prefers -> EARLY MORNING**
2. **When did HE begin His Teaching?**
 Luke 21:38 And **all the people** would get up **early in the morning to come to HIM** in the temple **to listen** to HIM.
3. **The first one to see** the resurrected Lord.
 John 20:1 & 14 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came **early** to the tomb, **while it was still dark**
4. **When did God walk with Adam?**

Genesis 3:8 They heard the sound of the LORD GOD walking in the garden in the **cool of the day**

5. **The lesson of the manna.**

Exodus 16:12-14, 18, 21 **in the morning** you will be filled with **bread**. Then you will know that I am the LORD your GOD.

- John 6:35 Jesus said **I am the bread of life**; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.

(16) **Each one** is to gather as much as he **needs**.

(18) he who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little. Each one gathered as much as he needed. [you can have as much of the "Bread of Life" as you want] (19) Then Moses said to them, No one is to keep any of it until morning. (20) However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them. (21) **Each morning everyone gathered as much as he needed, and when the sun grew hot, it melted away.**

They had to gather their bread early.

6. **The Altar of Incense** Incense is a type of our prayers.
Exodus 30:7-8 Aaron **MUST** burn fragrant incense on it; he **shall burn it every morning** when he trims the lamps. . . **There shall be perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.**

Revelation 8:3-4 Another angel, who had a golden censer . . . was given much **incense** to offer with the **prayers** of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne. (4) The smoke of

the incense together with the prayers of the saints, went up before GOD from the angel's hand. NIV

7. **The priest brings the fire to full blaze.** Leviticus 6:12-13 **The fire on the altar** shall be kept **burning. It shall not go out,** but **the priest shall burn** wood on it **EVERY MORNING** (13) **Fire shall be kept burning continually** on the altar; **it is not to go out.**

8. **First fruits belong to the Lord.** Proverb 3:9 Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the **first fruits of all your crops**

9. **David was a man after the heart of the LORD. Why?**

Psalm 5:3 In the **morning**, O LORD, You will hear my voice; In the **morning** I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch.

Psalm 57:8 *Awake, my glory! Awake, harp and lyre!* **I will awaken the dawn.**

Psalm 63:1 You are my GOD; **Early will I seek You;** My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You

Psalm 90:14 **O satisfy us in the morning** with Your lovingkindness, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

Psalm 119:147 **I rise before dawn** and cry for help; I **wait** for Your Words.

10. **Song of Solomon 7:12 LET US RISE EARLY** and go to the vineyards; let us see whether the vine has budded and its blossoms have opened, and whether the pomegranates have bloomed. **THERE I WILL GIVE YOU MY LOVE.**

HE is calling YOU to the GARDEN . . . HE wants to walk with YOU early every morning just as HE did with Adam and Eve.

HE wants to give YOU HIS LOVE. HOW will You Answer?

What Will You Do? What do You Want ? Do You Have Time ?

HE waits every Morning for YOU.

❖ **HEARING HIS VOICE (Rhema) - HE IS STILL SPEAKING**

1. Hebrews 3:7, 15; 4:7; 5:14; 12:25

2. John 10:27; 16:13

3. Habakkuk 2:1-2

a) Have a Quiet Place: Psalm 27:5 Exodus 33:21-22

b) Look for Vision as you Pray:

c) Wait for His Word: Psalm 119:74, 114, 123, 147

d) Recognize His Voice: 1 Kings 17:2, 8; 18:1, 9-13

e) Record the Vision: Habakkuk 2:1-3

2 Chronicles 16:9 **For the eyes of the LORD move back and forth throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely HIS.**

Time and Again JESUS has PROMISED us:

Deut 4:29 **seek the LORD your GOD, and you will find HIM - IF you search for HIM with all your heart and all your soul.**

1 Chron 22:19 Now **set your heart** and your soul to **seek** the LORD
your God

2 Chron 12:14 He did evil **because** he did not set his heart to **seek**
the LORD.

Psalms 34:10 they who **seek** the LORD shall not be in want of any
good thing.

Psalms 105:4 **Seek** the LORD and His strength; **seek** His face
continually.

Proverbs 28:5 those who **seek** the LORD **understand** all things.

Isaiah 55:6 **Seek** the LORD while He may be found; **call** upon Him
WHILE HE IS NEAR

HE IS VERY NEAR TO YOU RIGHT NOW ! DAY AFTER DAY.

HE IS CALLING, WAITING, FOR YOU TO ANSWER AND TURN FROM
"THE THORNS" AND FOLLOW HIM. What will You do?