

HILLTOP HOUSE OF PRAYER - FRIDAY NIGHT BURN SERVICE

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- A. Last week I shared a word on Why Did Jesus Come? Tonight I want to share a word on What Did Jesus Say? Awakening comes when the life of God comes into the world. Awakening is about God Himself, both who He is and what He said. Jesus said many things as recorded in the New Testament. If mankind would listen to what God has said through Jesus Christ, everything would be much better in the world!

II. JESUS SAID HE IS THE SOURCE OF LIFE

- A. Jesus said, ***“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly”***. (John 10:10). The definition of “abundant” means, life to the full, overflowing life!
- B. I want to shout this from the rooftops. ***“Jesus Christ is what the world needs today!”*** There is no other answer. Why do people turn to drugs, alcohol, other addictions? Because they don’t know that Jesus is the answer. When you turn your life over to Christ, everything else falls into place. Everything in life begins to make sense! Jesus said, ***“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls”*** (Matt. 11:28). Do you want to experience real life? Tap into Jesus!

III. JESUS SAID TO BE HIS DISCIPLE – YOU MUST DENY YOURSELF

- A. There are no shortcuts to be a follower of Jesus. Many people want to try to make it easy to follow Christ, but can I be totally honest with you? It’s not easy to follow Christ! It will cost you everything. Jesus said it this way:
- “And calling the crowd to Him with His disciples, He said to them, ‘If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me’”*** (Mark 8:34).
- “Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him”*** (2 Tim. 2:3-4).
- B. You cannot follow Christ on your own terms. You can’t tell God, ***“You can be over these areas in my life, but not these!”*** or, ***“Lord, I’m not doing that, I’m not called to that!”*** when He is asking you. Out of love for Christ, we should willingly submit and surrender our lives to Him and say, ***“Lord, I will gladly follow. I will go where to tell me to go, I will do what you ask me to do – I am yours!”***

IV. JESUS SAID YOU MUST CHOOSE TO FORGIVE AND LET GO

- A. This one is hard for me to share with you, because it is so hard for so many; But I have to tell you, you have to choose to forgive anyone and everyone who has ever wronged you. It doesn’t matter who or what, you have to forgive and you have to let it go!

- B. Jesus said this, ***“Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses” (Mark 11:25).*** In other words, your forgiveness from God is dependant on you forgiving those who have wronged you. It’s one of the laws of reciprocity. When you do this, you will get this!
- C. Some of the hardest people to forgive are other Christians. We think that we have a right to be unforgiving because they should have known better, and they probably should have. But they didn’t, so now its up to you – Let it go, forgive, forget, and receive your healing! If you are willing, Jesus will help you do it!

V. JESUS SAID MAN’S IMPOSSIBILITIES ARE GOD’S POSSIBILITIES

- A. Whenever you encounter a situation that seems impossible that’s when you need to realize that man’s impossibilities are God’s possibilities. They are opportunities for God to come through for you and work a miracle in your situation, because you are His child and you are committing everything to Him in prayer!

“But Jesus looked at them and said, ‘with man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible’” (Matt. 19:26).

“But Jesus answered them, ‘have faith in God. Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, be taken up and thrown into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours’” (Mark 11:22-24).

“Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me... Call to Me and I will answer you, and will show you great and mighty things, which you do not know” (Jer.32:27, 33:3).

- B. What I have noticed over the past 48 years of walking with God is that many times we decide to give up right before the answer comes. It doesn’t change the outcome, it just helps you look better when you stay in faith, believe, and persevere until it happens! Trust and believe in the Lord to come through for you!

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:6-7).

VI. JESUS SAID IF YOU WANT TO BE GREAT YOU MUST BE THE SERVANT OF ALL

“And whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and give His life as a ransom for many” (Mark 11:44-45).

- A. Someone once said, ***“We are into titles, but Jesus is into towels!”*** Jesus proved it when He washed the feet of the disciples to show how we must learn to serve others (John 13:1-8). Sometimes God will place you in situations where you have to live out this principle. It is definitely not an easy thing to do!