



礼拜六/礼拜天

时刻关心你的主

约翰福音 2:1-11

耶稣既是神又是人。在圣经中，有几次耶稣非常清楚地表明祂是完全的人。当祂受到魔鬼的试探时，祂就流露出了人性；祂会疲倦，在船上需要休息；祂也会为一个朋友的死而哭泣。然而，也有一些时候，耶稣则展现祂完全的神性：祂行神迹；祂知道听众在想什么；祂从死里复活，又升天。约翰福音第二章所记载的，只是耶稣显示祂的大能和完美时机的事例之一。

这一段讲的似乎不是什么大事，但耶稣的神迹是一个例子，说明祂有多么渴望满足人们的需要，不管这些需要是大是小。其实，如果你被某件事压得喘不过气来，耶稣也是会十分关心你的，祂会帮助你渡过难关。把你的重担、焦虑和担心都交给宇宙之神吧，祂深深地关心着你。

思考：

- 为什么满足人们的物质需求和精神需求同样重要？
- 有哪些例子可以表明耶稣关心我们生活中微不足道的事？
- 记住，尽管耶稣顾念我们的忧虑，我们的主要目标是把祂所关心的事情作为我们最关心的。

礼拜一

放空的价值

列王纪下4:1-7

也许神给你的最宝贵的礼物之一就是放空自己的能力。这听起来可能很奇怪，因为“空”是我们都不渴望的东西。我们不想什么空空如也——比如，车里没有汽油，肚子里没有食物，口袋里没有钱。

然而，因渴望上帝而存在的精神上的“空”是另一回事。当你的力量和智慧都用尽时，若你能坦然承认自己的不足，神将会充满你。放空的越多，神在你生命中作工的空间就越大。

以利沙将这个圣经真理告诉了一个负债的穷寡妇。她承认自己除了一瓶油以外，一无所有。因为神奇般地她提供了一瓶又一瓶的油，她的“一无所有”变成了一无所缺，她也用这些油还清了债务。这清楚的表明：当你放空自己，你就得着了神赐给你真正所需的机会。

思考：

- 这个故事里的油是什么时候止住不流的？这对你的生活有什么借鉴意义？
- 你是否真的相信神会在你的试炼和绝望中看顾你？试着把这些试炼和绝望交给祂。
- 你现在是放空的状态吗？如果是，让主来塑造你，改变你。

礼拜二

完美时机

马太福音26:17-29

当主在地上的服侍临近结束时，在祂被钉十字架的几个小时前，祂和门徒们在楼上一起吃饭。在这段经文里，有一些观察可以说明耶稣完美地选择了时机。

首先，祂选择的这个时机表明了祂去世之前必须做的准备工作。不仅是门徒们有特别的任务需要在逾越节完成，主自己也要按预定的每一步完成祂的旨意(17-18节)。

其次，耶稣在这个时刻给门徒们创造了一个自我鉴查的机会。祂说有人会背叛祂，当他们每个人都质问自己对基督的委身情况时，成就了一个关键时刻，为将要发生的事情做了铺垫。(第19-25节)。

最后，耶稣知道这顿晚餐可能最恰当的预表了祂上十字架这件事，所以祂通过解释酒和饼各自的寓意来将最后的晚餐与十字架联系起来(26-29节)。又一次，耶稣选择了最佳时机，并且祂的旨意总是成就。

思考：

- 你在圣经中还看到其他耶稣完美选择时机的例子吗？
- 你个人有没有经历过神的完美时机？有什么见证此时浮现在你的脑海里吗？
- 好好数算这份恩典，向全知的神献上感恩。

礼拜三

真实的侍奉

马可福音6:30-44

有时很难理解什么是“侍奉”。侍奉只该由牧师来做吗?只是在传讲神的话吗?它只会发生在宣教之旅中吗?我们可以看到几个关于侍奉的通用描述词都来自同一个中心源头。首先,侍奉是努力工作。门徒们用各种各样的方法帮助人们,他们工作非常努力,甚至连吃饭的时间都没有(30-31节)。侍奉是引人归向基督的积极行动。

其次,侍奉可以随时随地发生的。侍奉是一种可以看出你是耶稣门徒的方法(32-36节)。侍奉源于真心的关切,而不是按部就班的完成任务(第34节)。侍奉也是非常个人化的,也就是说我们个人有责任帮助他人找到基督(37-38节)。

一切侍奉的中心源头就是:只有在生活中拥有神的能力,我们才能最好地侍奉神(41节)。对祂是有益于神国的一切美善之源。

思考:

- 耶稣用一个小男孩的食物和他的乐意摆上来成就神的旨意。这对我们有什么启示?
- 你相信神的每一个追随者都是侍奉者吗?为什么或为什么不呢?
- 祷告求神开你的眼睛,让你看见周围的侍奉机会。

礼拜四

神的时间表

约翰福音7:1-13

耶稣在世上的时候知道自己的时间安排,祂在约翰福音第七章中完美地证明了这一点。祂奇迹般地用一个男孩的午餐养活了五千多人。后来耶稣在水面上行走,走到门徒的船上。祂的事工似乎都很顺利。

但之后,许多信徒开始因祂的教导“艰涩难懂”而灰心,便离开了祂(约翰福音6:60-66)。另一些人则因为觉得祂对政府和宗教领袖有威胁而想找法子杀害祂(约翰福音7:1)。

然而,在这最艰难的时刻,耶稣依旧明白祂在地上的时间安排,并且继续祂的使命,寻找和拯救丧失的人(路加福音19:10)。祂并不因为朋友的抛弃或生命受到威胁而感到害怕。祂会从始至终忠于使命。没有人能夺走祂的性命;祂是主动为人舍命(约翰福音10:18)。

思考:

- 你不会总能明白神的时间安排,但你能知道祂总是值得信赖的。
- 在这样动荡不安的时代跟随耶稣会是什么样的感觉?
- 注意,耶稣自己的兄弟们还不相信祂(第5节)。有时候,最难带领归主的人就是那些与你最亲近的人。请耐心地为他们祈祷。

礼拜五

知道你在向谁祷告

以弗所书3:14-21

保罗知道以弗所人不清楚自己在基督里的身份,也不清楚他们与基督的关系意味着什么。通过写下信心的美德以及我们有在基督里的坚固根基的福气,保罗阐述了他的观点。但随即,他转换到了今天你读的经文,一个有力量的祷告,为以弗所人的代求。

请注意,祷告的内容并不是唯一的重点,保罗祷告的方式也是值得注意的。他带着谦卑、敬畏和崇敬来到主的面前(14-15节)。他认识那位与他交谈的神,也知道祷告是我们本不配得的礼物,所以他把与神同处的时间看为宝贵。

保罗也通过祷告表达了他对神丰盛和能力的认知。他祷告的方式反映出他是与万物的创造者和维护者在交谈(16节)。保罗祈求力量的祷告表明,单单只有神是真正改变生命的力量之源(16、18节)。

思考:

- 你的祷告生活反映了保罗祷告的某一方面吗?今天你可以做些什么来改善你与神在祷告中单独相处的时间?
- 为什么在爱里“有根有基”意义重大(第17节)?
- 背诵20-21节,提醒自己这位伟大的神正是你所跟随的。



Playlist:

“How Can It Be”
LAUREN DAIGLE

“A Mighty Fortress”
CHRISTY NOCKELS

“Jesus Loves Me”
CHRIS TOMLIN

“Come as You Are”
CROWDER

“Burning in My Soul”
MATT MAHER

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SATURDAY/SUNDAY TABLES TURNED

John 2:13-24

This is a unique passage in the Bible. Typically, we think of Jesus as a gentle shepherd or meek teacher. However, this story from the gospel of John is neither gentle nor meek. The passage recounts Passover, which was a time when the Jews celebrated their freedom from Egyptian bondage. People would travel long distances to come to Jerusalem for the celebration so this was always an exciting time for the people.

However, the problem entered when the priests required that “acceptable” sacrifices be purchased only from the temple courts. Worshipers were required to pay a temple tax and no pagan currency was accepted so the moneychangers would exchange foreign money . . . for a fee.

Furthermore, these various merchants and moneychangers moved their sales inside the temple rather than remaining outside as they had in the past. It was for all of these reasons that Jesus was disgusted with their behavior and overturned the tables, drove out the animals, and spilled the moneychangers’ profits. He would not allow celebratory worship of God to become a place where the religious took advantage of others.

CONSIDER:

- How does this story demonstrate the fact that Jesus possesses all authority?
- Read Ephesians 4:26. Is anger always a sin? Explain with biblical support.
- How have you experienced the Lord’s righteous anger in the past?

MONDAY

LISTEN TO THE PROPHET

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

These verses were prophetic statements made by Moses about the coming Messiah. Everything that Moses said about Jesus boils down to five words: *You must listen to Him* (verse 15). Moses revealed several things in this passage about Christ, but the most important thing about this coming Messiah was that He must be listened to. Why?

First of all, Jesus is our intercessor, and without His interceding love, we would have no way of having a right relationship with God. After all, James 2:10 states that if we stumble at even one little point within the Law, we’re guilty of breaking all of it. No excuses can cover our sins so we are absolutely dependent on Jesus as our deliverer.

Second, it’s intriguing that Moses said this Savior would come from among the people; He would be a fellow Israelite (verse 15). This displays the fact that the Lord is not a distant God, but He is willing to become like His creation in order to show us how to live.

CONSIDER:

- How do we practically listen to the Lord and open our hearts to receive what He has to say? Be detailed in your answer.
- In what ways are you currently listening to Jesus? In what ways might you be ignoring Him?
- Which is more difficult for you to grasp: Jesus is our intercessor or that He walked among us and understands everything we go through? Explain.

TUESDAY

REVERENT WORSHIP

Psalms 2

This is one of the psalms that foretold the coming Messiah long before He was actually on the planet in flesh and blood. In describing Him, David provided a particular context for his writing. The psalmist described how we are living in a rebellious world (verses 1-3). Since Adam and Eve lived, humanity has rebelled against God’s plan because of our own pride and ego.

However, the psalmist also explained that we serve a sovereign God (verses 4-5). The Lord is not surprised by worldly chaos but instead remains confidently seated on His throne, in full control of everything. Therefore, if God is for us, then who can stand against us (Romans 8:31)? No one. God can both allow authority and He can take it away.

So it is our primary goal in life to know this victorious King who reigns above every other authority (verses 6-9) and then to make Him known through our reverent and passionate lifestyles of worship. It is in this that you will find fulfillment in life.

CONSIDER:

- Read Acts 4 and Hebrews 1. What do those two passages say about the Messiah?
- Why is it comforting to realize that God is sovereign? How do you take refuge in that truth?
- According to Psalm 2:10-11, what is our appropriate response to Jesus? Why?

WEDNESDAY

WHAT WILL I DO WITH JESUS?

Luke 9:18-22

There are many important questions in life. Who will you marry? What occupation will you pursue? What values do you think are most important? However, there is one question that stands head and shoulders above all others and it is a question every person is confronted with at one point or another: What will I do with Jesus?

Jesus asked the disciples about what others were saying about Him. The people had all kinds of opinions but when Jesus asked, "Okay, but who do you say that I am?" Peter responded with a resounding confession that Jesus was, in all actuality, the Messiah.

Jesus understood the prophecies about Him were part of His identity. He knew that He would be rejected, suffer, and die for the sake of providing grace and salvation to all who would believe (Romans 1:16). So that is the question above all others for you as well. What will you choose to do with Jesus?

CONSIDER:

- Who did the disciples say that some people thought Jesus was? Why would some believe that to be true?
- Read verse 21 again. Why would Jesus tell His disciples not to tell anyone that He was actually the Messiah?
- What have you personally chosen to do with Jesus? Will you choose to accept Him as your personal Savior or will you reject Him?

THURSDAY

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10:7-15

We are God's people and the sheep of His pasture. That means we depend on Him for everything. In the same way a shepherd watches over his sheep, God watches over His children.

It is a special proclamation that Jesus made in this passage to call Himself both our Door (verse 7) as well as our Good Shepherd (verse 11). By referring to Himself as the Door, He was saying there is only one way to obtain salvation and it would have to be Him. Our world tries to tell us there are many paths to Heaven, but Jesus made it clear that He is the only way.

By calling Himself the Good Shepherd, it showed that Jesus knows us individually and that He has a special relationship with us that is protective, nurturing, and disciplinary. Jesus knows whether or not we are truly His sheep. He knows our hearts and was willing to lay down His very life for His sheep in order to keep us eternally safe.

CONSIDER:

- Describe a shepherd's role. Also, describe the characteristics of a sheep. Do you see any similarities in your own relationship with God?
- How does it make you feel to know that the Good Shepherd became a sheep Himself in order to bring us back to Him? Spend a few minutes thinking about this act of love.
- Memorize Hebrews 13:20-21, understanding the role of a shepherd and how our Savior paid the ultimate price of us.

FRIDAY

FULL CONTROL

John 10:17-21

In this passage, Jesus was in the middle of a controversy after He healed a blind man on the Sabbath. In response, He told His listeners that He was fully in control of the situation. This was obvious when (1) He actually healed the blind man; as well as when (2) He later would be crucified and resurrected from the dead.

Therefore, Jesus has authority over life and death. When Jesus went to the cross, it would have looked like a meaningless execution to someone who did not understand. However, it was purposeful. Jesus chose to die. No one made Him do it; He had the power to lay down His life or to take it up anytime He chose (verse 18).

Jesus was determined to feel the full curse of sin and to become totally involved in our redemption. His earthly miracles as well as His death and resurrection were voluntary acts of involvement to point us toward eternal life in Him. He is in control and can be trusted completely.

CONSIDER:

- What would it say about God if He were loving but not fully in control?
- What would it say about God if He were fully in control but unloving?
- What encouragement can you find in knowing that God is loving and fully in control?



Playlist:

"Overcome"

JEREMY CAMP

"Here's My Heart"

CROWDER

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

PHIL WICKHAM

"He Is All We Need"

HIGHLANDS

WORSHIP

"Always"

KRISTIAN

STANFILL

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