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A SERMON SERIES ON DISCIPLESHIP

Pursuing the Heart of Jesus

(Luk 23:34) And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

(Luk 23:35) And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!"

(Luk 23:36) The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine

(Luk 23:37) and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

(Luk 23:38) There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

(Luk 23:39) One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

(Luk 23:40) But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

(Luk 23:41) And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

(Luk 23:43) And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The Gospel:

The Good News that Jesus lived and died for the Salvation of mankind. This is Good news because His death grants us forgiveness and His life imputes to us righteousness.

Discipleship:

After accepting Jesus, to become more like Him and to continue His work of expanding the kingdom of God



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Jesus forgives on the Cross

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Jesus teaches the disciples about forgiveness

(Mat 18:21) Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

(Mat 18:22) Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

(Mat 6:12) and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Jesus demonstrates forgiveness

(Luk 7:47) Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little."

(Joh 8:10) Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

(Joh 8:11) She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."

Forgiveness floods from Jesus even in greatest moment of persecution

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Jesus binds forgiveness into the life of His followers

(Mat 5:22) But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.

(Mat 5:23) So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,

(Mat 5:24) leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Dear disciple

- 1) Allow the Forgiveness of Jesus to storm into your life and forever carry you to the secret place of worship

The Humble, Servant heart of Jesus

(Php 2:5) Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

(Php 2:8) And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

(Php 2:9) Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

The Humble, Servant heart of Jesus

(Joh 7:16) So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.

(Joh 7:28) ...But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know.

(Joh 8:28) ...then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me.

"We can do little things for God; I turn the cake that is frying on the pan for love of Him, and [when that's] done, if there is nothing else to call me, I prostrate myself in worship before Him, who has given me grace to work; afterwards I rise happier than a king. It is enough for me to pick up but a straw from the ground for the love of God." Brother Lawrence

Humility Enables Obedience

(Mat 26:39) And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

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- 2) Like Jesus, dress yourself with humility so that you may hear the voice that whispers your calling

The Spirit comes on Jesus

(Mat 3:16) And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;

(Luk 4:18) "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

The Holy Spirit also fills the Disciples

(Act 1:8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

(Act 2:4) And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

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(Act 8:14) Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John,

(Act 8:15) who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit,

(Act 8:16) for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

(Act 8:17) Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Disciples and the Holy Spirit

(Gal 5:25) If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

(1Th 5:19) Do not quench the Spirit.

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- 2) Like Jesus, dress yourself with humility so that you may hear the voice that whispers your calling
- 3) Just like Jesus; receive the Spirit and cherish His presence, so that you may be a powerful disciple