

THE PRIESTLY PRAYER

For the week of August 16, 2020

John 17

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GET GOING

- Read Acts 16:25-34. Think about the “who, what, when, where and why” of your spiritual journey. In what ways is your personal story similar or different from the Philippian Jailer?
- Review the “5 Specific Requests for the Salvation of Someone You Love.” Which request sticks out to you the most? Why?
 1. God, help me to make Your name known to them.
 2. God, help them to see what You’ve done for me.
 3. God, help them to embrace my words as Your Words.
 4. God, help them to receive the truth about Jesus.
 5. God, help them to understand that You sent me.
- Whose salvation are you praying for today? Take a minute to pray by yourself, with your family, or with your group for the specific salvation of those who do not know Jesus.

KEEP GROWING

- Jesus prays a prayer of protection over His disciples (John 17:9-12). Read Galatians 5:16-17 and consider the graph below. Which “old or new nature” do you have the hardest time believing or living out? What do you think your struggle communicates about your relationship with God?

OLD NATURE BEFORE CHRIST	NEW NATURE BEFORE CHRIST
Separated from Christ	United to Christ
Dead	Alive
Disobedient	Obedient
Ruled by spiritual evil	Sharing in Jesus' rule over spiritual
Objects of God's wrath	Objects of God's affection
Walking in sin	Walking in good works
Destined for hell	Seated with Christ in heaven

- Jesus prays a prayer of sanctification over His disciples (John 17:17-19). Sanctification literally means to be “set apart” or to “make holy.” What is the correlation between sanctification and God’s Word (John 17:17) according to Hebrews 4:11-13 and Psalm 119:105-112?
- Jesus prays a prayer of witness over His disciples (John 17:20-26). Based on this weekend, Pastor Ron shared, “People can’t see God, but what they see in you, informs and influences what they believe about God.” What is one characteristic in your life that is Christ-like and one characteristic that needs to be further sanctified? What do your characteristics communicate to others about God?
- Jesus prays a prayer of joy over His disciples (John 17:13). According to James 1:2-4 and Isaiah 35:10, how does our world “miss the mark” of biblical joy?

Bonus Challenge

Choose one prayer priority for one day of this week. Utilize them during your 1-1-1 Prayer initiative (Praying for 1 thing, for 1 minute at 1PM).

Prayer Priorities for My Friends and Family:

1. Pray for _____’s salvation.
2. Pray for _____’s protection.
3. Pray for _____’s sanctification.
4. Pray for _____’s witness.
5. Pray for _____’s joy.

Memory Verse

“Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints” (Ephesians 6:18).

