

# 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

Vs.1 **Only Two Disciples!** John baptized multitudes (Lk.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: Mark 4:19+

The SEED = WORD & 4 TYPES of People:

- **Beside** the Road – **satan** comes and takes away the word
- **Rocky** places – **affliction** or **persecution** & they fall away
- **Thorns** - the **worries** of the world, the deceitfulness of **riches** and the desires for other **things (pleasures)** Luke 8:14) choke the word.
- **Good soil** – hear & accept the word, **bear fruit**, 30, 60 & 100 times

**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; nor . . . 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 16:1, 10-15 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**.

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

1 Timothy 6:8 If we have food and covering, with these we shall be **content**

Daniel 12:4 Prophesized: *At the end-times, many shall run to and fro*  
Sports / Shopping / etc.

**THE HEART OF PAUL:** Philippians 3:7-9 But 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 (or with) Him

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.*

- This is the problem – **THINGS CHARM US** . . . Take our time & attention

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**It is a matter of the Heart / Priorities / what is of Value to you.**

Where your **TREASURE IS** there your heart will be also. Mt. 6:21

**These are the main reasons Why it is ALWAYS > ONLY A FEW :o(**

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**Luke 17:11-19 Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?**

- 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.*

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Jesus taught multitudes > but who **REALLY PURSUED HIM??**

HE called twelve disciples - but some were closer than others

Out of the **12** Disciples > **3** pursued HIM more than the rest

Out of the **3** there was > **1** that pursued HIM more than the others:

**John 13:21+**

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For **THESE TWO** - Their **DESIRE** / their **PRIORITY** / their **HUNGER** was ->

**TO KNOW HIM** more intimately !

**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.

Proverb 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 PASSING BY . . . will you FOLLOW HIM or get caught up in the thorns? It is a Test (of what you love) > an Opportunity > What will You do?

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**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

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**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 are you looking for? What do you want / desire?**
  - He sees your heart. You MUST tell Him the truth
- They had a good answer – **Where are you staying?** They wanted to be **WITH HIM / Abide** with HIM.
  - John 15:7 **If you abide in Me, & My Words** abide in you, ask whatever . . . This is HOW PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED !
  - Because: **He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him** Heb.11:6

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**What do YOU DESIRE? - What are you PURSUING? - What is YOUR PASSION? - What Motivates YOU to take action?**

People will pursue whatever their PASSION is.

1. The PASSION / MOTIVATION OF JESUS: **John 17:24**
2. **LUKE 10:38-42** MARTHA: **distracted – worried - bothered** with so many **things** – THE THORNS. **MARY "only ONE THING"**
3. **Psalm 27:4** The PASSION of **DAVID**: (a good Life verse for you)

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

4. The PASSION of **JOSHUA**: **Exodus 33:7-11** Joshua . . . a young man would not depart from the tent.

Of All the young men that came out of Egypt with Moses, ONLY ONE Really Pursued the things of the LORD:

- Of all the young men, ONLY ONE - DESIRED ONLY . . . **ONE THING !**
- Why were there not others ?

2 Timothy 3:1-5 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. (2) For men will be **lovers of self**, lovers of **money**, . . . **revilers**, . . . **ungrateful, unholy**, (3) **unloving**, . . . **without self-control**, . . . (4) . . . **lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God**

2 Chron 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**.

**John 1:39** He said to them, "**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

**Jesus says to all of us: "come and you will see"** This is so true.

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**. J

- o 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** 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. (51) And He said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, **you will see** the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.

Verse 50 is **A PROMISE TO YOU**: The More Time You Spend With HIM The More YOU WILL SEE **greater things** . . . DREAMS / VISIONS / REVELATION

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

Father, I desire that they also, 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

- 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 THINGS we are seeking - all the BAGGAGE we have gathered from our Past - all of the hurts and disappointments.

Jesus is standing at the top of the Escalator calling us HIGHER > to another Realm

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.

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.

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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.
  - o 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. John 6:48 I am the bread of life.

(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.**

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.**

Matthew 3:11 He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

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 God, 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 get up early . . .**

**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 ?

HE waits every Morning for YOU.

A. **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