

# **“I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life”**

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**Read John 13: 31 through John 14:10**

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If you are faithful and obedient to what the Lord is saying to you, there is going to be such a transformation in you that you will look back in a few days, weeks, maybe a couple of months and you won't even believe you are here, the transformation is going to be so big.

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to understand the words that Jesus said; *“I'm the vine, you're the branches. If you don't abide in me, you can't bear much fruit”*. We don't have to have a PhD in theology to understand that.

All these years it's been a really important priority for me to listen to what the Lord is saying, and do the best I can to come on Sundays and communicate to you what I believe I'm hearing. We've had a high, high regard for the words that God's speaking.

These times we come together and what I've shared with you is really important to me. This is not just a thing, just a job, this is something I've given my life to. I didn't ask for this life. I didn't choose to be doing what I'm doing. **This chose me.**

I think the most important thing I'm doing right now is listening to the Lord. I've never been more sure, convinced, excited, more focused, in a mode of anticipation, as I am now at this very moment.

This is a season in the Kingdom of God that you're never ever going to forget, that you are created for such a time as this. There's going to be a transformation, the biggest thing that ever happened in your life. It's going to touch everybody that you come in contact with.

We are encouraged to love exactly like Jesus did. The true test still remains; can we love like Jesus did? Jesus Himself doesn't encourage us to do anything that's not doable. But we are going to have to have the Holy Spirit to help us to be able to love like Jesus loved.

If you've been betrayed, recently or a long time ago, and anger or unforgiveness tries to come up, it's the enemy always trying to exploit that- and he tries to get you in a place of bitterness or anger, outright rebellion or outright vengeance. Every time we yield to those negative things, the Kingdom of God is prohibited from manifesting in that situation.

*“By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another”.*

I don't think there are adequate words in the English language, or any other language, to describe what agape love really is.

Anytime you connect with God, His presence is always there.

If you just love the people who love you, what good is that? And so, He's asking us to go outside the people who are easy to love, and love those who are really, really hard to love... and to pray for our enemies.

When Jesus pulled Peter aside at the breakfast (in John 21:15), Peter, in that situation, even though he messed up so badly, he could feel in that conversation that there was no condemnation from Jesus. If you get a revelation of that, it will mess you up for life.

Jesus said, *"Don't let your heart be troubled"*. Things are going to get better. If Jesus tells you to not let your heart be troubled, I wouldn't let your heart be troubled. I want you to allow Him to do that.

There's been several untimely deaths and a lot of things that shake our confidence, although we find out if we stay focused that God comes in. When everything feels like it's out of control, God will stabilize things.

Thomas said, *"How can we know the way?"* Human nature wants everything spelled out. We would like a document, a manuscript of what we need to do to get to where Jesus is. Jesus said this simple, simple word, but extremely powerful and profound word. *"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through Me"*.

You know you have the benefit of knowing the truth, because you have the benefit of Scripture. They didn't know any of the stuff that you know about scripture. They were walking this stuff out.

I would start paying attention to some of what is happening in the world. I'd glance in there every now and then to see what's happening, because you're in the world, but you're not of the world.

You might have an address on such and such a street, but your citizenship is not here. Your citizenship is in heaven. You are spiritual being with a fleshly experience. You're not a fleshly being with a spiritual experience.

Do you know where He is going? Human nature wants instructions, like a print-out, but that's not the way that He chooses to do it with us.

Do you know what God is doing? He doesn't give us the whole picture at one time. Most of the time, it's just a partial picture of where you are at, like seeing through a glass dimly.

I highly advise all of us to make listening the most important thing. Pay attention to what it is that God is saying, so we'll have the answers to these questions.

I've got a list of ever growing of things that I say. *"God, you have to help me see this like you see it". "I want to know, God, how to see these things, so that I can adjust my life"*.

When I sit down and get my focus on the Lord, I'm telling Him, "*I don't know anything*". I'm for gaining wisdom and knowledge, but none of those things are a substitute for what He's saying now. So if you say that to Him, and you sit down with no agenda, it's not what God gives you or blesses you with. **The prize is Him.**

You are on a need-to-know basis with the Lord, and we're living in a time where the revelation from God about the stuff we are talking about here is just coming like a flood. It's not confusing. It's not complicated. It's really, really simple.

I know you can do it, but I'm concerned a little bit, because I look around this room and I think you're walking this thing out. You can do it, but will you? That's the real question.

For the last 35 years, I've never, ever seen it be so clear, so concise, so simple. Will this church and the whole church worldwide respond the way I'm talking about? "*We don't know anything*"? We read, we study, we can do all this stuff, but the only way we're going to know is that He's the way. He's the only way.

You just have to see the love of the Father in this. You can't get it anywhere else. He does it, so you will come to Him, because that's the part that revolutionizes your life. It's crazy how we try every other thing.

There's a shaking going on. The shaking, the discomfort, the challenges, the fears are the adventure of life.

We're always trying to make our life more secure and safe. And God wants us to enjoy the adventure of life. If you'll start to look at the biggest challenges you have in your life right now, this is just part of the adventure, and it ought to be enjoyed, rather than feeling like this thing is overcoming you.

Your comfort zone is being really, really challenged. **If you're going through all those kinds of things, Congratulations!**

When you look and find God in your situations, it's going to give you a whole other perspective. When you're desperate for the Father's insights and instructions, to know His will and don't know exactly what to do next, desperate enough **NOT** to do it your way, don't do anything until you know He's in it. I'm not doing anything until I know.

How do I do it? What's the way? What's the direction? He would say to you, "*Jesus is the way*". There's no formula. There's no clear cut set of instructions. You're not going to get a letter from heaven. It only happens through a consistent relationship, fellowship, communion and becoming one with Him. **That's the secret to life.**

He is not just the Way in all the spiritual stuff we talk about. He's the Way in all the practical stuff that you are dealing with in your life.