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John 12:20-36

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Should I pray, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But this is the very reason I came! Father, bring glory to Your name." Then a voice spoke from heaven, saying, "I have already brought glory to My name, and I will do so again."

When the crowd heard the voice, some thought it was thunder, while others declared an angel had spoken to Him.

Then Jesus told them, "The voice was for your benefit, not Mine. The time for judging this world has come, when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to Myself."

He said this to indicate how He was going to die. The crowd responded, "We understood from Scripture that the Messiah would live forever. How can You say the Son of Man will die? Just who is this Son of Man, anyway?"

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Jesus replied, "My light will shine for you just a little longer. Walk in the light while you can, so the darkness will not overtake you. Those who walk in the darkness cannot see where they are going. Put your trust in the light while there is still time; then you will become children of the light." After saying these things, Jesus went away and was hidden from them.

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**Week 1 – Hope > Despair - (Jn 14:27)**

**Week 2 – Confession > Concealment - (Jn 2:23-3:21)**

**Week 3 – Perseverance > Fragility - (Jn 16:31-33)**

**Week 4 – Local Presence > Omnipresence - (Jn 1:1-18)**

**Week 5 – Doctrine > Desire - (Jn 8:30-36)**

**Week 6 – Jesus > Everything - (Jn 14:16)**

**Week 7 – Self-Denial > Self-Fulfilment - (Jn 12:20-36)**

1. Career success will fulfill me.
2. I can make myself happy.
3. Freedom is the absence of restraint.
4. You have to make your own truth.
5. Rich and successful people are worth more than poorer and less successful people.

## **1. Identity Narrative – “The Sovereign Self”**

Enthroning our passions and desires rather than directing them.

## **2. Society Narrative – “Absolute Negative Freedom”**

Elevating the expression of freedom over the pursuit of goodness.

## **3. Justice Narrative – “Self-Authorizing Morality”**

Fighting for justice without basis for universal truth.

## **4. Rationality Narrative – “Science as the secular hope.”**

Looking to science for security, significance, and joy.



“So, how do we fight the war for our souls in a secular age that claims we don’t even have one? ... We die. And then... We live.”

-John Mark Comer

# Self-Fulfillment

Self-Denial > Self-Fulfillment

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## **The Two Motivators for Jesus' Cross:**

1. "A plentiful harvest of new lives" – The Salvation of Humanity
2. "Father, bring glory to your name" – The Glory of the Father

## JOHN 12:25-26

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## 1 PETER 2:21

For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in His steps.

## Mark 8:34-38

“If any of you wants to be My follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow Me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for My sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul? If anyone is ashamed of Me and My message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when He returns in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

The cross isn't just our means for substitution,  
it's our model for sanctification

“To say yes to Jesus’s invitation is to say no to a thousand other things. To say yes to Jesus is to say no to living by my own definition of good and evil, to spending my time and money however I want, to the hyper-individualism, antiauthoritarianism, and full-tilt hedonistic pursuit of our day. It’s a thousand tiny deaths that all lead up to one massive life.”

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## **How to Demon 101**

Allow their lives to be pretty good ... not too good, not too bad.

## ROMANS 6:2

Have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined Him in His death?

## ROMANS 6:4

For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

## ROMANS 6:5-6

Since we have been united with Him in His death, we will also be raised to life as He was. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.



**Reproduction**  
**Stewardship**  
**Spiritual Growth**  
**Incorporation Into the Body**  
**Post Decision Evaluation**

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**Repentance and Baptism**  
**Decision to Act**  
**Personal Sin Acknowledgement**  
**Positive Attitude**  
**Grasp claims and Implications**  
**Awareness of Jesus' Claims**  
**Awareness of Gospel**  
**Open to Spiritual Realm**  
**Closed Off to God**

JOHN 12:36

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