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馬可Mark 12:30-31

Love God and Love Others

爱神爱人

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Shema: Deut. 6 申命记 6章

"Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord"

"以色列阿,你要听. 耶和华我们神是独一的主"

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Love God with all...

and your neighbour as yourself

尽心、性、意、力爱主

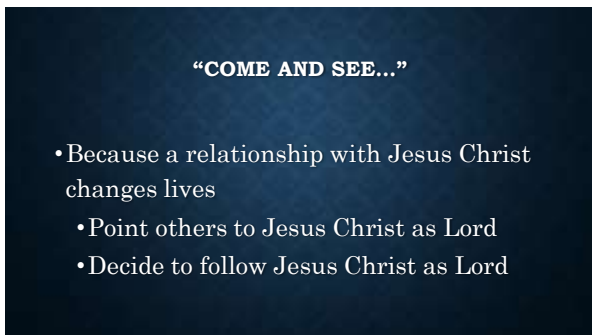
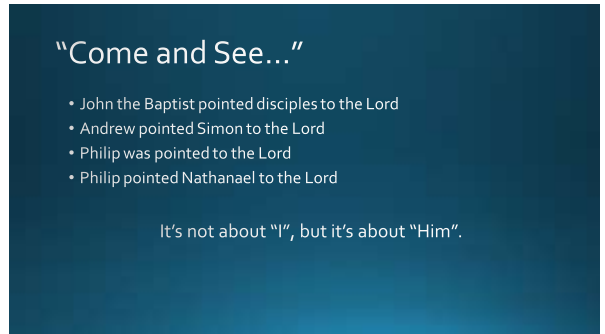
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NT. Highlights of the Gospel & Epistles of John

O.T. Ruth & Jonah

- Loving God
- Loving each other
- Loving the Lost



SCRIPTURE MEMORY – MAR 2014
JOHN 15:5

I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: he that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing.

JOHN 15

Only a genuine vital union with Christ produces fruit

- Abide in Christ – depend continually on Him
- Christ will abide in us – experience His perfect love
- Remain in His love – obey His commands

SCRIPTURE MEMORY – APR 2014
JOHN 14:15

If ye love Me, keep My commandments.

THE FRUIT OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Flow:

Remaining in Jesus' love is to obey His commands; represented by the specific command (the new commandment)
 - to love one another



Highlights of John (Gospel & Epistles) Series

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

- John 13:33-35

Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you. That ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

• John 13:33-35

“My little children” – here & 7 times in 1 John

“A New Commandment” = here & 1 John

OUR CONFIDENCE IN HIM

• 1 John 5:13 – PJW translation

These things have I written unto you that *are believing* (*present active*) in the name of the Son of God that ye may know that ye *are having* (*present active*) eternal life.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

• 1 John 4:7-8

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY – JULY 2014
1 JOHN 4:20**

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY – MAY 2014
1 JOHN 3:18**

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY – AUGUST 2014
EPHESIANS 4:15**

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ:

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY – SEPT 2014
EPHESIANS 4:32**

And be ye kind one to another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even
as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.



WALKING IN THE LIGHT

1 John 1:5-2:2

Enjoy fellowship with God
by walking in the light!

ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?

• 1 John 2:3-6

And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.



The World
To love or
not to love?

1 John 2:15-17

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THE WORLD: TO LOVE OR NOT TO LOVE?

Love the world's people;
but not worldly attitudes or values that
are opposed to God.



1 Peter 2:9-17

- I. Christians are God's chosen people (vv. 9a, 10)
- II. Christians must proclaim God's praises (vv. 9b, 12)
- III. Christians proclaim God's praises by submitting to government authority (vv. 13-17)

Our Confidence in Him

1 John 5:13-17

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2 JOHN & 3 JOHN

The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth:...

The elder unto the wellbeloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth. ...

2 JOHN – FOR THE SAKE OF THE TRUTH

- Reflect that you are walking in the true faith (of Jesus Christ).
 - ❖ Love one another
 - but Reject false teachers

3 John Personalities: Whom do you resemble?



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3 JOHN - PERSONALITIES: WHOM DO YOU RESEMBLE?

- Reflect that you are a true believer.
Love shows in your personal character,
conduct and testimony!

The prayer of love by Christ

John 17

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JOHN 17

Theme:

The prayer of love by Christ gives us hope
for unity in truth!

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from
Sorrow
to
Joy!

JOHN 20

FROM SORROW TO JOY !

John 18-20

- Garden of Gethsamane (18) – the place of struggle
- Gabbatha (19) – the place of sentence
- Golgotha (19) – the place of sacrifice
- Garden tomb (20) – the place of success.

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JESUS IS LIFE – BELIEVE HIM!

• John 20:30-31

And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God: and that believing ye might have life through His name.

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SCRIPTURE MEMORY – OCT 2014 COLOSSIANS 4:5

Walk in wisdom toward them that are
without, redeeming the time.

HIS MISSION: TO SEEK & TO SAVE

Luke 19:10
For the Son of man is come
to seek and to save
that which was lost.

HIS MISSION: TO SEEK & TO SAVE

- Seek opportunities to build bridges



The book of Jonah – a “minor prophet” book

■ Structure

If 1 John is a symphony ;
then Jonah is a play.

The book of Jonah – a “minor prophet” book

2 Acts, 7 Scenes



Act 1 – Chapters 1-2



Act 2 – Chapters 3-4

Loving God =
Following God's Will

Jonah Act 1

Loving God = Following God's Will

ACT ONE

1. God has a moral will – Obey!
2. God will always carry through His sovereign will – Submit!
3. God gives second chances – Repent!



Loving God = Loving the Lost

Jonah Act 2

Loving God = Loving the Lost

ACT TWO

- ❖ Overcome our past failure
- ❖ Overcome our lack of confidence
- ❖ Overcome our prejudice and self-centeredness
- ❖ Overcome our lack of compassionate love



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Love the lost 爱失丧的人



1 John 4:19

We love him, because he first loved us

RUTH
a love story



THE BOOK OF RUTH

Genre: Historical Narrative

1. Learn from characters?
2. Learn about God?
3. Learn about God's redemptive program?

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THE BOOK OF RUTH

Chesed

= loyal lovingkindness; mercy;
faithful goodness

Ruth 1:8; 2:20; 3:10

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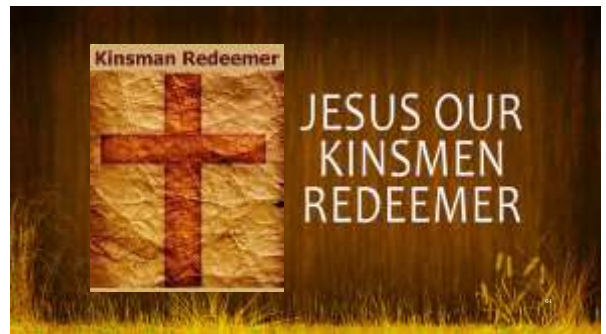
THE BOOK OF RUTH

Theme:

Divine loyal love in the midst of bleakness

- Divine loyal love far exceeds human love.

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Bethlehem? Micah 5:2

God's steadfast love *Chesed*: Psalm 36

vv. 5-6

Thy mercy (*Chesed*), O Lord, is in the heavens;
and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.



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Thy mercy (*Chesed*), O Lord, is in the heavens;
and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains: thy
judgments are a great deep: O Lord, thou
preservest man and beast.

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vv. 7-9

How excellent (precious) is thy lovingkindness
(*Chesed*), O God! therefore the children of men put
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For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light
shall we see light.

God's steadfast love *Chesed*: Psalm 36

v. 10 – The Prayer

O continue thy lovingkindness (*Chesed*), unto
them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the
upright in heart.

