

#### To Enjoy and Express the Freeing Radical Love of Jesus

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- 1) The Power Struggles
- 2) The Power of Need
- 3) The Power of Love

# John 6

<sup>24</sup> So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

<sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

<sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— <sup>46</sup> not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.







# God is fully in control



# We Make Real Choices

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<sup>10</sup> Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

## The Nature of Need



Deuteronomy 7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup> but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

#### Luke 15 Lost Coin, Lost Sheep, Lost Son

"We are all beggars. This is true." Martin Luther as he lay dying

"Prone to Wander, Lord I feel it Prone to leave the God I love"

### Seeking vs. Seeking

#### Acts 17

<sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup> for "In him we live and move and have our being'

<sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.

Romans 3 "None is righteous, no, not one; <sup>11</sup> no one understands; no one seeks for God."

There's Seeking, And then there's Seeking

Sola Scriptura Scripture Alone

2 Timothy 3

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

#### The Shorter Catechism (1646)

Q. 2. What has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Sola Scriptura Scripture Alone

Solus Christus Christ Alone

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.



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It is the Spirit that gives life, the flesh is no help at all.

#### Ephesians 2

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
<sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

#### Rock of Ages, Augustus Toplady, 1776

Not the labor of my hands Can fulfill Thy law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow, All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling; Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace; Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.



Romans 10 <sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

> Your behavior didn't get you in; Your behavior can't get you out.

God's love for us is based on His Faithfulness, not ours.



Soli Deo Gloria God's Glory Alone

# Not information but Transformation

Galatians 4

<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons

> We are more sinful than we dare imagine And more loved than we dare dream

## Benediction

### Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.