

Life in His Name

*and that by
believing you may
have life in his name.*

-John 20:31



John 3:22–36

He Must
Increase





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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.

-Jesus (Mark 8:35)

How can I
decrease so
Jesus can
increase?





1. Choose
The Kingdom

John 3:22-26

Baptism Competition?

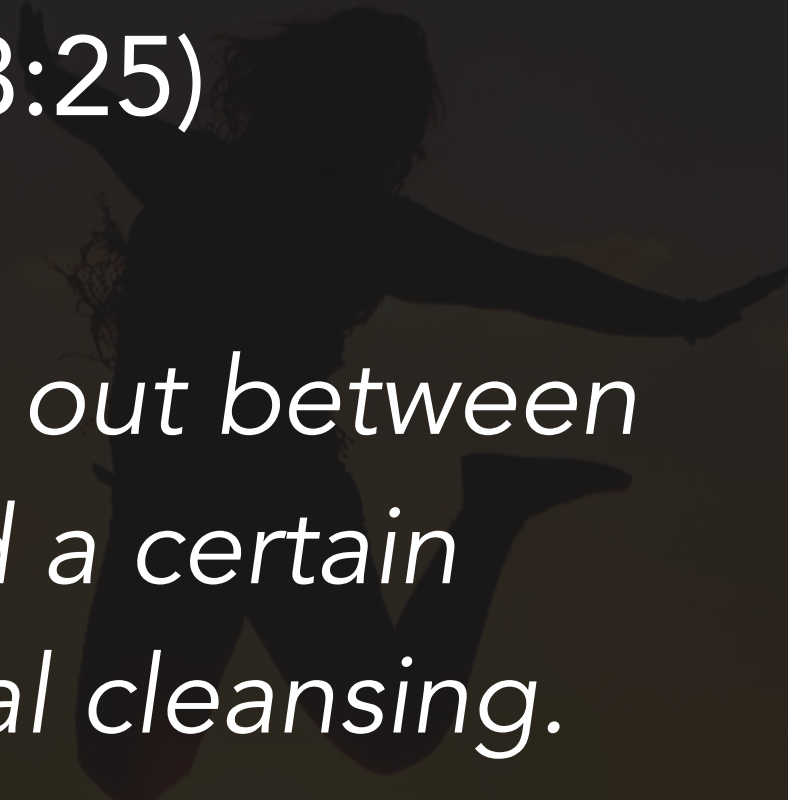
(John 3:22-24)

22 Then Jesus and his disciples left Jerusalem and went into the Judean countryside. Jesus spent some time with them there, baptizing people. 23 At this time John the Baptist was baptizing at Aenon, near Salim, because there was plenty of water there; and people kept coming to him for baptism. 24 (This was before John was thrown into prison.)

-John 3:22-24

The Debate (John 3:25)

25 A debate broke out between John's disciples and a certain Jew over ceremonial cleansing.

A dark silhouette of a person in a dynamic, expressive pose, possibly dancing or performing, set against a dark background. The figure is positioned on the right side of the frame, with arms extended and legs in a wide, expressive stance.

John Being Replaced? (John 3:26)

26 So John's disciples came to him and said, "Rabbi, the man you met on the other side of the Jordan River, the one you identified as the Messiah, is also baptizing people. And everybody is going to him instead of coming to us."



Who can truly make us clean?

Not me. Him.

**To choose the Kingdom is to point
to Jesus as the one who cleans.**



BREAKING

NEWS

You are not Jesus.

2. Choose Real Joy

John 3:27-30



A silhouette of a person jumping with arms outstretched against a sunset background. The person is in the center-right of the frame, with their arms spread wide and legs bent in a jumping motion. The background is a gradient of dark colors, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is one of joy and freedom.

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God is most glorified in us
when we are most satisfied in
Him.

-John Piper

A Gift from Heaven?

(John 3:27)

John replied, "No one can receive anything unless God gives it from heaven."

Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. -Ephesians 2:9-10

Reminder in case you forgot: You are not Jesus. (John 3:28)

You yourselves know how plainly I told you, 'I am not the Messiah. I am only here to prepare the way for him.'

Joy in Living My Calling

(John 3:29)

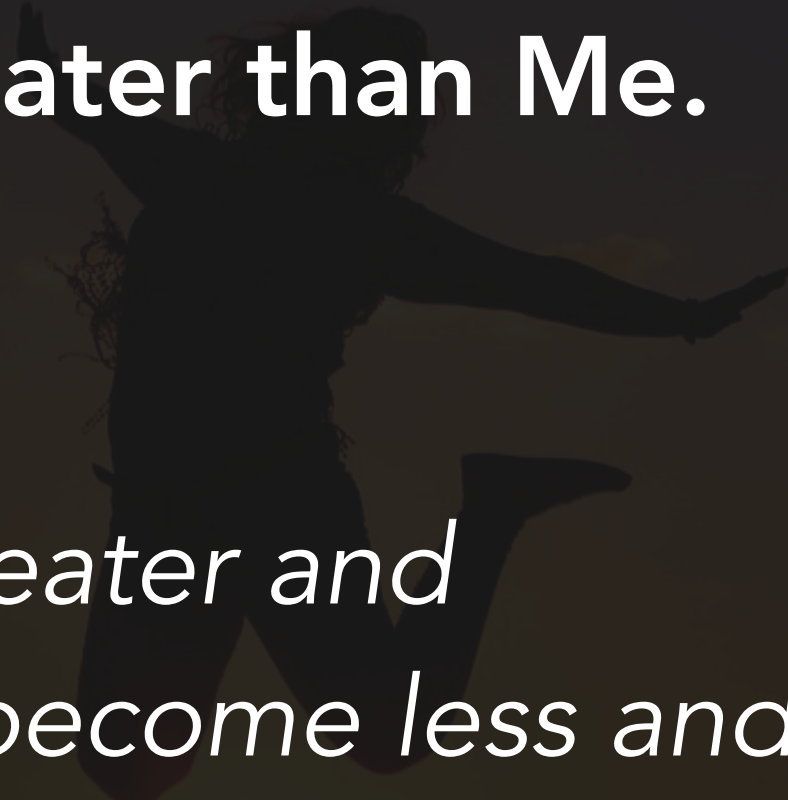
It is the bridegroom who marries the bride, and the bridegroom's friend is simply glad to stand with him and hear his vows.

Therefore, I am filled with joy at his success.

Joy in Purpose Greater than Me.

(John 3:30)

*He must become greater and
greater, and I must become less and
less.*



**Our joy is
complete
when Christ is
central and we
are content to
serve where
He places us.**



How do I know where I should
serve?

Serve where you thrive!

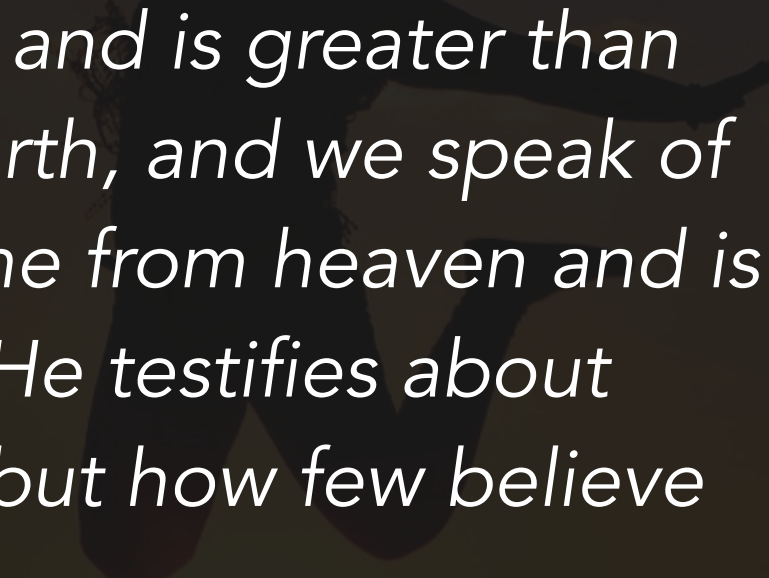
3. Choose Worship

John 3:31-36



Jesus is from above and supreme over all. (John 3:31-32)

31 "He has come from above and is greater than anyone else. We are of the earth, and we speak of earthly things, but he has come from heaven and is greater than anyone else. 32 He testifies about what he has seen and heard, but how few believe what he tells them!



Eternal life rests on receiving the Son, not on serving. (John 3:33-36)

33 Anyone who accepts his testimony can affirm that God is true. 34 For he is sent by God. He speaks God's words, for God gives him the Spirit without limit. 35 The Father loves his Son and has put everything into his hands. 36 And anyone who believes in God's Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn't obey the Son will never experience eternal life but remains under God's angry judgment."

**What is
your
next
step?**



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