

A Passion to Know Him (P2)

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of caring for others, living like Jesus, and seeing them as precious and valuable.

Duration: 24:50

Scripture: Matthew 6:33, John 1:1-3, John 6:1-14, James 1:27

Topics: "Knowing God"

Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of focusing on others rather than ourselves. He highlights how Jesus, being God, did not need anyone or anything to accomplish his miracles, yet he involved his disciples and the little boy with the loaves and fishes. The speaker references the Bible verse in James that states true religion is caring for orphans and widows and staying pure from the world. He encourages the audience to embrace and share the contagious love and care of Jesus Christ, displaying a heart of outreaching concern for the lost and suffering.

Transcript

The book of James says religion that God our father accepts as pure and faultless is this to look after Orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world Next on the road to reality embrace and share the contagious love and care of Jesus Christ This is the road to reality I'm Richard Buse and I'm honored to be with you now during his life on earth Jesus displayed an amazing heart of outreaching love whether it was to one hurting person or a cascade of needy people He was actually servant to the lost and the suffering today on the road to reality Will be encouraged to have that same gospel heart of outreaching concern if you're looking for it, the needs are Everywhere from gospel for Asia. Here's brother KP. You Hanan in John's gospel chapter 6 You know the population of Canada is 26 Some million people something like that And imagine you can take the slums of Calcutta and Bombay you get the entire nation of Canada Have you ever been to one of the slums of Bombay? I? have because of stinch It's so unbearable You feel like throwing up I had closed my nose I'd walk through the slums because I couldn't take it who lives there rats snakes Dogs no human beings people and God made these people in his own image This is what we sometimes forget Even Christ dying on the cross in the very last of the last seconds of his life He's looking to the left.

He is looking to the right. He's looking to the left He's looking to the right somehow to see if any sign of repentance from these criminals It was appropriate. It was just for these two to be crucified in this manner

but not Jesus in the midst of excruciating agony and pain He's looking to see if he can save one more before he give up his life and One says Lord remember me when you come in Paradise and the Lord said today you will be with me What a way to take the worst scoundrel a murderer a thief Reprobate people shy away from that individual.

There are the stone into death. Can you imagine? the holy Son of God the Creator of the universe says I embrace you today. You are going to be with me How much he cares about the lost and the suffering and the needy So when you read a passage like this, it must make us to ask a question.

Do I? Care about the people around me that are hungry that are suffering those beggars those lepers those precious children Not one not two but millions They are slaves to matchbox making factories They are slaves To the owners who make those firecrackers They never experienced childhood they do not know what it means to be a child You see If Christianity is For me To make me a better person if that is the end of it. Oh my friends. We have missed it the call of God When he gave to Abraham who became the father of faith Which some of the dear friends now use his name we are the children of Abraham Therefore we can claim to be rich and mighty how foolish Look about Abraham when God said leave your father mother everything Go to a place.

I will show you He was giving up all the riches all the glory and everything he had In the ancient world of the Chaldeans, he left all and then he said yeah, God blessed him everywhere He went truly he did but what did God say to him? I will bless you and Make you a blessing to others We are blessed so that we can represent our loving Heavenly Father We can represent the caring Christ to give to help to walk to touch to heal I want to ask you a simple question 24 hours a day you have how much of the time you think about yourself and your father your mother or your Family your children how much of the time you think about someone else in the neighborhood in the slum or in that village? Or people work with you How much time you pray of that time of prayer? How much time do you pray and Cry and weep for those around you that do not know about Jesus. They have no hope they have no understanding Do you have a list of things that he pray for out of that? How many of those lists? those lines those names those requests Represent somebody else or is it all about you and the disciples must learn This reason why Jesus said unless you love me more than father mother son and daughter He didn't stop there. He didn't stop there and your own life.

You cannot be my disciple It is not simply talking about self-denial A Lot of people out there incredible Examples of self-denial they don't have to be Christians necessarily They give up their house their clothes their money and their families and all that I mean they give up all this stuff, you know, they they walk away from all these things They don't care but Christ is calling for something else He's calling for denying ourselves It is me See myself not as the most important person, but rather I see I am only a means a vessel to bless others I don't hold myself my reputation my what I want a supreme importance but somebody else There's a fantastic illustration a real story That I think would help to make us understand this years ago when William Booth was alive the founder of Salvation Army one of the most significant movement the world has ever known or witnessed a Movement that touched the lives of millions Around the world they cared for the poor and the needy and the downtrodden When he was an old man He couldn't travel much anymore Often he was ill They had a major conference call for about 5,000 of his followers and William Booth was supposed to be the keynote speaker, but due to his physical limitations and his Illness, he could not go So what is the next thing to do he sent a cable a telegram with the message that they must read On his behalf to the gathering So the MC came up and he said our leader William Booth couldn't be here, but he sent The message that he was going to preach To us They were

quite curious and anxious Wow our leader couldn't be here, but he sent a message Now they're getting ready to listen to a long message and the master of ceremony he opened the cable He read it only one word in it Others, that's all others This man who could preach maybe eight ten hours non-stop he didn't need to do that He was saying to his followers Keep this in mind. It is not you. It is not me That is important others others others and Jesus without Talking to Philip or Andrew or anybody Jesus without even dealing with a little boy with a Few pieces of bread and the little fish Jesus being God.

He didn't need any of these people He didn't need the little boy. He didn't need his bread. He didn't need his fish.

He didn't need Andrew He didn't need Philip. He didn't need any of these people the Bible says In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word logos was God all things were made by him and nothing nothing that is seen and Things we cannot see the visible and invisible. Nothing was made without him.

He made all things in eternity past He stands or nothing and simply speaks. Let there be who did it the Lord Jesus Christ now here on He didn't need any of these people with 5,000 50 Baba 50 million no problem. He can feed them all but that's not what he's doing.

He's telling them you take care of this Philip what about this? They are hungry. You do something about it What a world? What a nation That was KP Johanan on the road to reality and he'll be right back One of the ways any listener can share Christian love with a lost needy is to help sponsor a national missionary you see with few or no cultural barriers to overcome a National missionary is well placed to convey the good news to those who need to hear it It just takes 20 pounds a month to support one of these national missionaries to find out more Please go to gfauk.org You can also read the testimonies there are some of our national missionaries that's at gfauk.org or call 01904 643 233 Well, we heard of Christ's love for the crowds in the first half of our message But as we rejoin KP now, we see Christ reaching out towards one individual I Have traveled all over this land eight years. I Have seen it and felt it and touched it slept on the roadside traveled in Trains in those days, no second class third class the Gandhi class.

I Stood in the toilet traveling from Delhi to Bombay Not one centimeter space in the train I have seen the stinch the chickens and the goats people carry the old the wrinkled face the little babies Having lived in Bombay and working on the streets of Bombay. I have seen the suffering the VT station 24 hours ocean of people flowing No, stop It's everywhere But how many times I saw it but I walked away they became just people not individuals and I had to pray Honestly, I have to pray Oh God, please touch my heart Give me your compassion. Let me see them the way you see them Lord Please God, let me See God will never force you to do anything You will seek me and you'll find me when you search for me with all your heart in some of my writings I Use this illustration that happened to me some years ago I Was In Bombay Trying to find my way to catch my flight and I had a few hours and If you ever been to Bombay, you will know what I'm talking about You just don't walk onto the road.

You will get killed before you can think and blink your eye because cars They they go, you know this way and that way like lightning you just you just wait and There I was but if you know Bombay you'll find no matter where you find yourself on the streets You will find a whole bunch of people around you the street beggars especially little children, I Mean little children three or four year old kids and seven eight nine year old kids Half-naked wearing rags holes all over and they come sob sob sob and then mothers Skin and bone mothers carrying their babies naked little babies with blotted stomachs and the mother hardly wears

enough clothes because it's all torn up and whole bunch of them and I didn't have time to deal with Thousands of these people everywhere So I was waiting for the light to turn green I was turn-faced Very sober almost angry looking so they will leave me alone and now the light turned yellow Then it turns green. But before I could walk I Hear this voice from behind me Sir Please give me something. I have no one No father.

My mother is sick. I have younger brother. We are hungry Give me some money to buy some bread, please sir And I turned around and here this young girl stands.

She must be seven or eight years old. I Do not exaggerate about the story. I'm not making any more than this What I witnessed Seldom have I seen Such beautiful face big brown eyes Her oval shape face a sweet child Stands there like this All the sudden I Realized my goodness I'm looking at a precious little girl And I put my hand in my pocket and took all the money I can find everything and I gave it to her Of course the light Turned red and then again I had to wait then I began to walk.

I never forgot this experience It is as fresh as today. It was as though Christ himself began to walk with me On that busy street and he began to talk So, what do you think about the little girl is her life as precious as valuable and dear as your daughter It had to be God talking Because I was not thinking about that All the sudden my mind race back to the United States where my daughter Her own room her own nice bed Every week her bedsheet changed the pillow cover changed fresh clothes We care about her We pray for her She reads she writes the question What about this little poor girl? Of course being a believer in Christ. I must respond and say yes Oh, I do I do care and her life is as valuable as precious and dear Just as my own daughter the strange thing She didn't ask me one more question.

I think he walked away and I was left alone to think Why? Why? Why on earth? God allowed you to have a few years to live on earth If heaven is the only reason for our salvation and knowing Christ Baba, it is much better the moment you get saved somehow rapture take place or God, you know, just Kill you and snatch you away do something. Why go through all the mess all the problems Tell you he left us here for one reason as the father has sent Me to care to cry to touch to feel to die for others I am sending you this is the reason but do I understand it? How come I must go through this Crisis experience on the street of Bombay for me to come to understand this can't I see the multitudes? Don't I see this on the television in the newspapers? The families that come in suicide as a pack But the question is there any room in me? to care but then The amazing thing is this in a land Such as this With such a large massive Population rejection loneliness and hopelessness What am I talking about? You see who are these people? Some of you don't even understand We don't want to talk about it. These are the 300 million Dalits the untouchables and By the way, God is always on the side of the broken poor needy illiterate lost helpless and The Lord is still telling us as he told Philip Philip What do you think we shall do? He didn't need to ask Philip, but he must ask him God can do everything but he is inviting us his body his people to care With our prayers without giving with our going with whatever we can do They need the Lord.

They need to know Jesus. They need to know his compassion They need to know that Jesus said if the Son of Man will give you freedom. You are free indeed They need to know that he died on the cross.

He shed his blood and their sins are forgiven There is hope there is healing. They need to know the gospel is a good news. It is not just for me But it is for others But we are the agents and we must be we must care we must reject a Gospel that is so self-centered We must embrace the gospel of the cross and this is where Jesus can Manifest his grace his mercy today through our lives touching and changing people who

are need My brothers and my sisters I want you to know I'm not trying to tell you I'm better than somebody else No, but I can tell you it is rare to find Christian workers who will sell their house their land and their properties to serve God It is all a means to make money It is all about how they can make the life better In The recent times I've been reading through the four Gospels Matthew Mark Luke and John with the pencil You know what? I'm reading for I want to see Jesus the man not God Yes, he's God, but I don't want to see him.

I want to see him as a man The man who was tired the man who was tempted the man who was weary the man who was thirsty the man who was Accusation the man who was misunderstood. I want to see the man how he lived I tell you what, I've been deeply convicted as I read about my Jesus How I must live It's absolutely amazing Absolutely amazing. Did you know Jesus never defended himself? When he could have answered and walk away he would keep quiet.

I saw Him as a man he could be God just pick one word and wipe out the whole world, but as a lamb he suffered and I see That and say am I like that? so when I talk about John's gospel chapter 6 and the Multitudes the response of Christ and the disciple and all that I want you to know I'm not trying to tell you something So that I can fill my time and give you a message No, I'm not a professional preacher I know I'm terribly concerned about you becoming Authentic like Jesus This has been the road to reality where today we've been developing this burning desire to know Jesus and to reach out with his love And care for others KP. Ohannon is the founder and director of gospel for Asia One way any listener can share Christ's touch with others is to sponsor a child through the bridge of hope in this way You can cross the oceans to children in Asia who are desolate in their need of Jesus and who go hungry every day the bridge of hope was set up to care physically for children like these and Spiritually to help them from the Bible For just 18 pounds someone out there can bring hope to a child to do that go to GF a UK org That's GF a UK org or call us on 0 1 9 0 4 6 4 3 2 3 3 That's 0 1 9 0 4 6 4 3 2 3 3 The one true God is wanting to conform us into likeness and character of none other than Jesus Christ To live that way is to be on the road to reality This is Richard Buse and may the Lord bless us all and keep us all until next time

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