



ONE - August 21, 2016 - "One Lord"

INTRODUCTION

At some point in our faith journey we all will need to decide to make Jesus not just the Savior of our lives but also the Lord of our lives. Making Him the Lord means we surrender our will and way to His will and way. When we surrender to His way, we find unity in the completeness of His will.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you think about all the evil and pain in the world, do you ever wonder why a God who is all loving, all knowing, and all powerful does not step in and change it? Why do you believe He does not many times?
2. Looking back on your life, what are some times you wished God would have stepped in and changed the outcome but did not? Have you been empowered by God in these times or do they still paralyze you emotionally when you think about them?
3. In the message it was said: "God, knowing everything, knew every free will choice that would be made before the foundations of the earth. With foreknowledge of our choices, God wills everything that He knew would bring about His glory and our good." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why or why not?
4. Read [Luke chapter 22](#). Make some notes about the struggles Jesus had with the way the Father's will would be carried out. Journal out how Jesus moved from the struggle into the acceptance of the Father's way. How can you follow Jesus' example? What are some opportunities made available within your church to help you follow this example? What would keep you from participating in these opportunities?
5. Read [James 1:2-4](#). What promise does God give to those who find acceptance (rejoicing) in the way of God? Even the sufferings that are allowed in our lives. What would keep you from believing this promise? How could this church help you to live in this promise?

MOVING FORWARD

There is no short answer to the solution of finding acceptance to God's way this morning; but if we follow the example of Jesus and His disciples, the journey looks like this: (individual slides please)

- Healing Prayer and Abiding with God the Father
 - Jesus and His disciples spent much time praying, listening, and obeying the Father
 - This is something we can all do as individuals and together with others in the church.
 - Joining an Abiding Study can help with this journey.
- Recovery & Transformation through active steps of faith
 - Jesus and His disciples took action steps of faith in the path (way) the Father delegated to each of them. Pick up your cross and follow.
 - Joining in on Tuesday nights at New Found Family or the Next 24 can help with this journey.
- Allowing the Complete Truth of Our stories to be used to bring help and healing to others.

We sit here today still looking back to the story of God's miraculous strength being made perfect in the weakness of humans that God chose to use as vessels of His glory.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

[James 1:2-4](#) (ESV)

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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