



## GOSPEL REVOLUTION

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October 25, 2015

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*Your presence & approval are all I need foreverlasting joy.*

#### Accepted / Approval & Affection

*As you have been to me,  
so I will be to others.*

#### Abundance & Allocation

*As I pray, I'll measure Your compassion by the cross and Your power by the resurrection.”*

#### Access & Audacious

#### Two New Words: Available & Abandoned

#### The Context

- ✓ There Were Seekers of Jesus
- ✓ This Was a Sign
  - The Time Had Come  
*Daniel 7:13-14; Luke 24:25-27*
  - The Tide Was Changing  
*Isaiah 5:6-8; John 10:16; 11:52; Romans 9:23-26*

#### The Call, The Cost, & The Choice Vs 24-25

- ✓ Call is to Die
- ✓ Consider the Cost *Luke 16:27-33*
- ✓ Choice is Clear
  - Hold On To My Life
  - Hate My Life & Hand It Over  
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#### The Confirmation – Promise Vs 26

- ✓ We Will Bear Much Fruit
- ✓ He Will Be With Us
- ✓ He Will Honor & Reward Us

#### His Commitment & Ours Vs 27-32

- ✓ Jesus Was Committed to the Father's Purpose
- ✓ Jesus Would Die & Draw All Men to Himself
- ✓ My Commitment Is to Be Available to Be Used and Poured Out and Abandoned to the Call to Die & Go!

*Psalms 2:8*

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We **Abide** and We are **Amazed**

Your presence & approval are all I need for everlasting joy.

We Understand that We are **Accepted**, Ands Have God’s **Approval & His Affection** and because of that it changes how we live and why we do what we do. We live out the Gospel because we have been radically changed by the Gospel!

As You have been to me, so I will be to others.

We turned that corner last week and began to work our way to letting this Gospel spill out of our lives into the lives of others. We love others in response to the love we’ve experienced in the Gospel – we’ve experienced the extravagant generosity of God and so therefore we understand we extend that same generosity others. God’s Great **Abundance & Our Allocation** of those Resources

The Gospel motivates us to generosity not by **Guilt** (we never give enough) or **Greed** (We give so we can get) but by **Grace** (we give because we have received). **The bottom line is that it is impossible to believe the gospel and not become like the gospel!**

*As I pray, I’ll measure Your compassion by the cross and Your power by the resurrection.”* **Access and Audacious** (Faith)

**Ever hear people say, well I just hate my life** – hate it right now – is that what we are talking about this morning? No way! Far deeper and far greater of a meaning than that for that is simply incidental based off their circumstances much of which is not under their control.

Here Jesus helps us understand what it means to hate our life in this world! So this morning our goal is to help us understand that we are called to hate our lives! Even deeper we are even called to hate others.

Hopefully that grabs your attention! What did you just say? Hate – that’s a strong word and we are going to unpack what Jesus tells us found in [John 12:20-33](#)

### **We grab the next A Words – Available & Abandoned**

The next step is to be available for the Lord to use us and then be willing to Abandon everything to follow His call – to be willing to die to ourselves, our desires, our flesh, our ways, our plans and be willing to follow Jesus. The incredible news is that there is a promise that when we die we will then finally really begin to live. We have to hate our own life and love the life of Jesus far more than our own for that to take place. Our love for Him should be so great that our love for our families for example should be consider hate in comparison.

Jesus’ metaphor of the seed shows us that the gospel presents Christians with a choice, a promise, and a motivation.

### **The Context**

#### ✓ **There Were Seekers of Jesus**

The Greeks represent the many people groups around the world who do not yet know God. In this climactic moment in the Gospels, they are asking to see Jesus. Jesus’ response? He turns to His disciples and begins giving a strange metaphor about a seed. But He is not changing the subject. He is showing the disciples what must be true about them if the “Greeks” all around the world are ever going to be able to see Jesus

We can commend these Greeks for wanting to see Jesus. The Jews would say, "We would see a sign!" but these men said, "We would see [have an interview with) Jesus." There is no record that Jesus did talk with these men, but the message that He gave in response contains truths that all of us need.

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## **The Call, The Cost, & The Choice** Vs 24-25

### ✓ Call is to Die

is whether to hoard their lives unto themselves (like an unplanted seed) or to plant themselves in the soil of the nations. If they choose the latter, their life as a self-contained seed must end. They must give themselves away. This is a choice every follower of Jesus must make. It is the choice of whether to be a fan or a follower of Jesus

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## **The Confirmation – Promise** Vs 26

### ✓ **We Will Bear Much Fruit**

is that for those who do give themselves away, God will bring a massive harvest of fruit. This is the promise of the gospel. Those who invest their lives for God's kingdom will reap eternal dividends  
[Psalm 2:8](#).

### ✓ **He Will Be With Us**

### ✓ **He Will Honor & Reward Us**

## **His Commitment & Ours** Vs 27-32

### ✓ **Jesus Was Committed to the Father's Purpose**

is that Jesus was Himself the seed planted in the ground for us. Because His life was shattered in death, life came from Him that healed us. As we follow Him into death, life from us will come to the nations. Are you ready to give yourself away like that?

### ✓ **Jesus Would Die & Draw All Men to Himself**

### ✓ **My Commitment Is to Be Available to Be Used and Poured Out and Abandoned to the Call to Die & Go! [Psalm 2:8](#)**

“Where would you be without Jesus? The same place millions of people are without you. We are the only way they can hear.”

“The plainest and most straightforward meaning of this analogy is that the life of the nations will only come through the death of the church.”