

To Keep you from falling away

John 15:18-16:4

Dana, Reading of the word. Pray.

Main Point- 1. **Be biblical** 2. **Stay biblical** 3. **Be faithful** 4. **Stay faithful**

Context. “**We need to talk**”, Preparing his disciples for the Christian Life.

-**Let not your hearts be troubled.** Why? Jesus will not leave us as orphans. He goes to prepare a place, and he’s sending the Holy Spirit to help us “*seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*” Colossians 3:1

-And the love that the Father loves the son, so we are loved

-Our life is to one of “**Abiding**”. What does a branch do to bear fruit? It rests in the vine, and so we rest in the completed work of Christ. There may be some pruning, but in our abiding Jesus says, “**These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.**” John 15:11. What fruit comes from this abiding? LOVE, as God loves us, so we love one another!

This section- **Read 16:1**

1. **Be biblical**, Vs. 18-19

The word “World” in the Gospel of John “*refers to the created moral order in active rebellion against God*” DA Carson. ¹

Jesus has delivered us. GOSPEL

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He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son Colossians 1:13

Therefore...

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

¹ The Gospel According to John, D.A. Carson, pg. 525

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Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 1 John 2:15

Now this is where we can be in danger of becoming the New Covenant Pharisees.

-We can allow the world to determine what we do and do not, which is why we must **Be biblical! (Full video)**

-If the world is doing this, then we do not do that.

-BLM is a great example

-Is there a group that is pushing a Marxist agenda, causing undue white guilt, and using violent means achieve it? Yes

-Is racism in any way, shape or form wrong? Yes2020,

So what do we do in a situation like this?

When political parties become polarized, we can't trust the media, when the economy sinks, or even when all things are going well, what do we do?

*Facebook, July 1, 2020,- If only there was a book that shows truth in confusion, how to respond in crisis & conflict, and how to best represent what it means to be truly human in any context. Oh wait... **BE BIBLICAL***

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I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. John 17:14-17

not to go beyond what is written. 1 Corinthians 4:6

But why the hate?

- Who likes to be told they are wrong?
 - The bible refers to this as to rebuke, exhort or admonish.
 - Imagine it wasn't just a course correction of a decision, or something sinful that needs to be turned away from... But imagine it was you, like all of you, that was wrong.

The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. John 7:7

This is our starting point. I don't mean this as a theological theory, but as a reality. At one point, Jesus testified this about you.

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And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:1–7

FULL VIDEO

Read 15:3, and vs. 19 “but I chose you”

Col 3, put on compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.

When we remember that we were the person half dead in the ditch, it's helpful for us so we can love our neighbor as we were and are loved!

Therefore, read your bible! Study it in context and live from it, not add to it. Memorize scripture! Testify.

1. Be Biblical 2. Stay biblical, read vs. 20-25

“A servant is not greater...’ Foot washing—> serve and love

Context-Remember when I washed your feet? (They would soon realize he washed Judas' feet)

They will be Persecuted. Read vs. 16:2

-They would not have been guilty of sin.

-Rejecting Jesus seals your fate. When he's right in front of you, doing miracles, and you're still like, “Nope,” that's a problem.

DA Carson says, “*By coming and speaking to them Jesus incited the most central and controlling of sins: rejection of God's gracious revelation, a decisive preference of darkness rather than light.*”

But even this is under God's sovereignty.

Read Vs. 25

What do I mean by "Stay Biblical"?

Let the Bible not only inform your actions, opinions, and the way you treat others, but also your perspective.

"It is no accident that at the present time the dominant trends in psychoanalysis include the rediscovery of narcissism... The society is marked by a self-interest and egocentrism that increasingly reduces all relations to the question, 'What am I getting out of it?'" Dr. Herbert Hendrin

This includes our relationship with God.

-This becomes apparent when things do not go our way.

-When bad things happen, we think 1. We must be out of God's will. 2. God isn't good 3. He doesn't love me 4. I'm not saved... or, we can take lean into Jesus' encouragement to his disciples and remember.

Read 16:4

Brooklyn 99, Beat cop vs. FBI

-Some of us do this with others. (Fixing outward sin instead of looking for the root) Some of us do this with ourselves.

We need to have a bigger picture. This is what it means to **Stay biblical**. And when we remember, bad stuff is going to happen, but God is in control, he is good and he loves me, it helps us to keep a biblical perspective based on the truth of his word.

AND, you're not alone.

Read 15:26

3. Be faithful 4. Stay faithful, come next week to hear the rest.

Let us now go the table...

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