

# BETHEL ONLINE DISCIPLESHIP

VIDEO NOTES

## EPISODE 2 | GOD HAS BEEN PURSUING YOU LONG BEFORE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF HIM

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### Intro:

He paid the price on the cross for you. He's the One who lavished you with grace and love. And everything that we do from here is a response to who he is.

### Main Points:

- God has been pursuing you long before you ever thought of Him.
- God's word is imperative to the christian life. It's everything, we must read it daily, meditate on it and live it out. It contains the very truth about who He is and who we're.
- In the Old covenant God's desire was to be with His people, but our sinful nature which separated us from God was revealed, and our need for a savior was displayed. Jesus, our perfect sacrifice comes in the new covenant to abolish our sin through the cross once and for all, so that we can be reunited and reconciled to God forever.
- When you see Jesus, you see the Father. Anything that you don't see Jesus doing or saying should be questioned. The Father and Jesus are One, God looks like Jesus because Jesus is God.
- The enemy wants to lie and steal from you BUT Jesus offers you true life and life in abundance, don't believe the enemy's lies about God, yourself or others.

### Scripture:

*John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*

*Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast."*

*John 14:7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."*

*John 10:10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come, that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."*

*Isaiah 53:5 "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed."*

### **Faith's Response:**

Read the Bible starting with the New Testament (specifically the book of John), spend time talking and listening in quiet with Jesus every day, and tell Jesus that He is your Lord and Savior. He has promised to always be with you.

## **EPISODE 3 | DEAD TO SIN, ALIVE IN CHRIST**

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### **Intro:**

We are new creations in Christ—dead to the old life and alive to please God. He didn't just die to forgive us, though. He died to liberate us from our old nature and from our old life.

### **Main Points:**

- It all starts with the cross. When Jesus died on the cross, He became the sacrifice for our sin, and we received His life whilst He took our place and our sin upon Himself. Although Jesus didn't just die to forgive you, He died to liberate you from your old nature, and to give you a new life.
- Our old nature is dead. Once we belong to Jesus, we are a new creation in Him. This means the sins of the past, the shame, guilt and condemnation are all washed away by His blood and we have a new identity as children of God.
- Faith's response to this truth is to be baptized. Baptism is the outward physical act to show the inner spiritual reality that you're leaving behind the old life, to follow a new one. It's a public declaration of our devotion and commitment to Christ
- When Jesus comes into your life, you're no longer satisfied with the old ways of living, you want to live to please God, not to earn anything but in response to His great love and mercy.

**Scripture:**

*2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."*

*Romans 6:11 tells us, "So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus."*

*Romans 6:4 "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life."*

**Faith's Response:**

Get baptized as soon as you can! Baptism is a physical act that shows the inner reality that you are leaving behind the old life and rising in the new.

# EPISODE 4 | GOD'S PRESENCE DWELLS WITH BELIEVERS

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## Intro:

God's presence dwells with believers that are following Jesus. That's the local church. You know, years ago, I was in my backyard with my daughter and we were making s'mores on a campfire and I took a stick and there was a red hot, you know, bed of coals at the bottom of the fire.

And I took a stick and I grabbed one of the red hot coals and flicked it out to get away from the rest of the coals. And I watched it over about 30 seconds, it lost its vibrant flame, turned black, lost its flame. So I took the stick and I flicked it back in the fire and within a few seconds, boom, it was red hot again.

That's an illustration for our lives. None of us can burn for God alone.

## Main Points:

- None of us can burn for God alone! The bible says that we are the *body of Christ*. The pinky cannot say to the eyeball "I have no need of you" We are called to burn for God together
- IF you find a perfect church, DON'T GO THERE because you are going to mess it up! None of us are perfect; leaders are not perfect, people are not perfect. The same place that you may have been hurt in the past is the same place that will bring healing to your soul!
- Get plugged into a local church right away because you need the local church to stay red hot burning for Christ.
- The Holy Spirit is going to lead you into a relationship with believers that are following Jesus.
- 5 reasons you **need** to get into church: To get encouraged, To be near an anointed leader who will proclaim the word of God and help your walk of faith, to grow in relationships with other believers, to find and fulfill your destiny, to have a place to go when you feel like you have failed and are struggling.
- Find a local church that believes in the whole bible and that builds healthy relationships, don't wait - go right now!

**Scripture:**

*Hebrews 10:25, "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another..."*

*1 Corinthians 12:12-13 "For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body"*

**Faith's Response:**

Get connected in a local church right away! Find one that loves God's presence, follows the Bible, and creates healthy relationships. We were created to thrive in healthy relationships. No one was created to live for God on their own!

# EPISODE 5 | THE LOVE OF GOD OVERFLOWS

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## Intro:

You're going to begin to tell immediately of what Jesus has done in your life? No, you're not telling them you're perfect. There's not this pressure to go out and act like you got it all together now and you're never going to make a mistake again. No, but the love of God has touched you right where you're at and changed your life.

## Main Points:

- You cannot keep it a secret! Start talking about what Jesus has done for you!
- When you get touched by the love of God you cannot keep for yourself, nor should you want to keep it to yourself!
- Just like the women at the well in John 4, your life will immediately start overflowing and sharing the love of God
- There are people in your life that will see the transformation that Jesus brings. From anger to kindness, from fear to love, from anxiety to peace!

## Scripture:

*In John 4:28-30 it says, "The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, 'Come see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?' Then they went out of the city and came to Him."*

*John 4:39-41 says, "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, 'He told me all that I ever did.' So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word."*

## Faith's Response:

Tell someone how God found you and brought you into His family. Share this amazing story with your family, co-workers, neighbors and friends!

# EPISODE 6 | THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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## Intro:

The Holy Spirit is the gas in the gas tank that makes it go. And your prayer life is like stepping on the pedal. The same presence that was on Jesus when he walked around the Earth, healing the sick, casting out demons, loving on people... is the same presence that God wants to put on your life.

## Main Points:

- The same presence that rested on Jesus is the same presence that God wants to rest on your life, that presence is the Holy Spirit, the very Person and Nature of Christ. The Holy Spirit is the seal of God in our lives, and He wants you to be fully immersed into Himself, in other words to be totally overwhelmed by His goodness and presence.
- The Holy Spirit has been poured out and is freely accessible to you now and He has promised to be with you at all times. He will never leave you, you have become His dwelling place.
- We receive the Holy Spirit by asking. What qualifies you? That's simple, the precious blood of Jesus. The next thing is to believe, believe the word of God - not your feelings. Lastly, receive it, grab and take what is yours. Get in the presence of God and thank Him for giving you the Holy Spirit.

## Scripture:

*Acts 2:38-39, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."*

*John 14:15-20 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."*



*Acts 1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

*Acts 2:1-4 "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."*

*Luke 11:11-13 "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"*

### **Faith's Response:**

Thank God for forgiving all of your sins, ask Him for the gift of the Holy Spirit, receive Him, and praise the Lord for giving you His presence.