



SERIES: John Believe
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Scripture: John 17:6-12
TITLE: Stay Connected to Jesus

My father-in-law is an electrician by trade. He's taught me a lot about wiring over the years. Now, please, don't ask me to come rewire your home. I'm no expert. But I have learned to appreciate the benefit of having strong connections to the source of power.

Jesus, though fully God, had an intimate connection to His heavenly Father for all His needs. That same connection is for us today.

Here' show Jesus continues his prayer to His Father in John 17:6-12.

“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.”

Jesus Christ was the visible representation of God to the world. Paul wrote in Romans that Jesus was the *eikon* or exact representation of God to the world. His life and proof of His God's existence and love for the world. He manifested God's name to the world as a whole and especially the disciples that Jesus refers to here.

Then in verse 8 He says, “Now they know that everything you have given me is from you.” God is the giver of all good things according to James 1:17. Though fully God, as Jesus is emphasizing in verse 10, He was fully dependent upon His Father. How much more so do we need that connection to God for all of our needs. This includes our salvation. That's why Jesus says in verse 11, “And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.” Too many of us disregard God's offer of provision that flows from His securing us each and every day. When Jesus saves us, He provides us peace with God forever. He

transforms us from enemies of God to His beloved children. If God has given us keys to the Kingdom, why on earth, do we doubt Him to provide our daily bread or any other need.

My challenge for you today is to stay connected to God the Father through His Son. Just like my appliances depend on staying connected the source of power, so too we need to stay intimately and continually attached to God.

How will you do this today? Put it in the comments below? How is it that you stay with Jesus each day? Share and encourage each other.

God offers us everything we need through His Son because He loves us. So let's stay connected to the King to who is our source of salvation, power, and peace. When you do, you will win the day.