

## ENCOUNTER #28: John 16:16-33 ANSWERED PRAYER AND THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### WHAT DOES THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS MEAN? Answer please....

**Fascinating** - He confuses them to intrigue them...he knew...Draw questions (**serious**)

- Effort to understand they wrestled – **HE WANTED THEM TO WRESTLE**

**Wrestling isn't a sign of weakness it's a sign of interest. Engaged. Care.**

**KNEW ALL THINGS INCLUDING COMING STRUGGLE – PERFECT SENSE TO HIM**

- **BEFORE ur 2 TOUGH – puts u thru all sorts of things u don't get...**
  - o WHAT WAS COMING –**sorrow/Suffering Resurrection: joy and life**

**Woman - pregnancy/birth (rip your head off) – OUR BABY! – RESURRECTION!!!**

**Ushered in new order, new era, new creation – HEAVENLY FATHER ANSWERS PRAYER**

**MP: The resurrection of Jesus opened the door to answered prayer and joy.**

- **It's the Father** – Ask the Father - Our Father in heaven – Father sees in secret  
Not cold impersonal God, indifferent God, vengeful God –

**The amazing and almighty creator of the universe who also happens to be our heavenly father, answers YOUR PRAYER**

**ASK– Ask Seek Knock –SMALL WORD – POWERFUL WORD – HOW HARD IS THAT???**

### **NOW.... THERE'S A WAY TO ASK**

**IN JESUS NAME: ACCESS – IN HIM – BUT HIS WAY... YOU SAY WHAT IS HIS WAYS. B4 JESUS WHEN HE TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES TO PRAY – BEFORE PETITIONS**

- **OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN: Loving order leadership – TRINITY - yielded**
- **HOLY IS YOUR NAME – other-worldliness - life conforms to Him**
- **YOUR KINGDOM/WILL: His mission is our mission – his will is our will**

**NOW>>Ask and don't stop asking, keep asking – PERSISTENT WIDOW – what's the need, what's the situation, problem, trouble, who needs help – ASK**

- o **REMEMB HE ANSWERS ACCORDING TO HIS WILL – NO PROBLEM YES**

But What Happens when God says “NO” – I have a different plan – **different way**

**UNCOMF REALITY: Stephen murdered Peter released, Paul executed John died of old age, paul raised the dead boy and couldn't pray away thorn in the flesh.....3 TIMES 2C**

- **GOD OVERULES – believe for others, counsel others, help others, sacrifice for others, see God work in the lives of others but God says NO TO YOUR ASK**

**Paul – if it happened to the guy who wrote the bible – its gonna happen to the guy who reads – Master in the Garden (father if there's any way) – happen servant brings REQ.**

- **EVEN IN A NO THERE'S YES – GOD SAYS “MY GRACE FILL SPACE**

**When God says no to your prayer he wants you to say yes to His grace...UR STUCK**

### **THAT'S WHY ANSWERED PRAYER MEANS FULL JOY**

Know how have joy when he gives us the car, closes the deal, brings the baby, bfriend

- **PRAYER EXPERIENCE: Dynamic, multi-faceted, personal, rich – RELATIONSH**

- **Prayer isn't transactional – it's transformational – not just about getting the answer its about being in His presence – hand His face**

Psalm 16:11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

- **When Grace Fills the space – thank God for the NO – Something ELSE....**

2 Corinthians 12:9 Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

- **Seasoned saint knows how to be overjoyed in Tribulation – PEACE IN HIM – He is working – we are his agents – EVERY ANSWER IS A GOOD ANSW.**

Christian joy is a Holy Spirit-enabled response to the beauty of Christ, the blessing of His promises, and the fulfillment of His purpose that lifts the heart and soul of the Christian.

**WHY? THE FATHER ANSWERS PRAYER BECAUSE HE LOVES YOU**

You don't need a patron saint – or Mary mother of Jesus – **no disrespect meant – pastor or a spiritual giant**

- HE ANSWERS YOU BECAUSE HE LOVES YOU – HE LOVES YOU BECAUSE.....
  - **FILL IN THAT BLANK..... DOES GOD LOVE YOU.. GOD LOVES U BC**
  - **You love Jesus and have believed - Sent from the Father**

THAT'S PEACE – ENCLOSED IN HIS LOVE

- Enclosed in His love
- Take heart I have overcome the world – Smile and Wink

All of this stuff and no peace and all this peace and no stuff – HAVE HIM PRINCE PEACE