

THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

CHAPTER 21:15-25

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“I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU”

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John 1:12

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to those who believe in His name:**

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

John 21:15-25

The Summation Sentence

There are great love scenes that are expressed through words. Perhaps when two lovers must part or when a son goes off to war or a daughter to college. Words can and should be one of the most powerful tools to convey how we feel about another.

In John's Closing Remarks we cannot help but hear and feel the intensity of his love for Jesus, his love for the events, and his love for souls...

He Will End His "Letter of Life" with a Passionate and Heated Invitation to His Readers
– Come and Follow Jesus Christ!

I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU PERSONALLY...

There are Four Key Points to His Reason for Inviting You to Know Jesus.
Points in the Form of Challenges

1.) *I Invite you to know Love* vv. 15-17

2.) *I Invite you to know Faithfulness* vv. 18-19

3.) *I Invite you to know Perseverance* vv. 20-23

4.) *I Invite you to Come with Us* vv. 24-25

This My Personal Plea to You Today

1.) *I Invite You To Know Love* vv. 15-17

15 So when they had eaten breakfast, **Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?"** He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, **"Feed My lambs."** 16 He said to him again a second time, **"Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?"** He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, **"Tend My sheep."** 17 He said to him the third time, **"Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?"** Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, **"Feed My sheep."**

An Invitation to Know The Love of the Lord Jesus Christ

a.) *By Making the Right Choice* v.15a

So when they had eaten breakfast, **Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?"**

b.) *By Doing the Right Thing* v.15b-16

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(When they're Young - They'll Need Hand Feeding)

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(When they're More Mature - They'll Need Pastoring)

I Invite You to know Love

c.) By Living the Right Life

v.17

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(When they're Young - They'll Need Hand Feeding)

"Love is the only one true motivator"

1.) I Invite You To Know Love

vv. 15-17

2.) I Invite You To Know Faithfulness

vv. 18-19

"**Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish.**" 19 This Jesus spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "**Follow Me.**"

I Invite You to know Faithfulness

a.) Faithfulness even when I'm not Faithful

v.18a

"**Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished;**

Simon, There was a Time when you were in Control

The actions of peter in john 21:1-14
Teaches us that (Peter) simon, the son of jonah was still very much the same person he
was before he had ever met Jesus Christ.

“I am Going Fishing...”
when Jesus had said... go and tell the world

THERE WAS STILL TOO MUCH OF SIMON PETER ALIVE

Jesus Changes Lives
It is always through internal or external hardships and difficulties
It may be through the outward events of life

It could be through the inward struggles of the soul

Jesus Has a Way
He Changes Our Lives in a Very Effective Way

I Invite You to know Faithfulness

b.) Faithfulness even when I Come to the End v.18b-19a

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I Invite You to know Faithfulness

c.) Faithfulness even when I cannot Understand v.19

And when He had spoken this, He said to him,
"Follow Me."

This is the Whole Story, Right Here

Follow me, it will cost you your life, but I've got a place to take you to,
Follow Me

Right Now

You're Living for Something. A Passion, a Pursuit, A Pleasure.
Whatever it is, it is what you're dying for

When Your Path has Ended

We come to realize that whatever that thing was – it has in fact
taken your life!

Where?

Where is it taking you, where are you going, what are
you following?

Peter

Come and Die, Every Day to Who You are, Come and Follow Me.
That Equals True Life...

3.) *I Invite You To Know Perseverance*

vv. 20-23

20 Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, (who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?")
21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?" 22 Jesus said to him, **"If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."** 23 Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but,
"If I will-*ed* that he remain till I come, what is that to you?"

I Invite You to know Perseverance

a.) He Has Persevered with Us

v.20-21

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YES - WE ARE CALLED TO PERSEVERE

Once we're converted. Because we are saved, we will persevere!

But in a Real Way

The Lord Has Persevered with Us – Put Up with Us until Now

Peter is Under The Conviction of God

The Heat Lamp's On and He can Feel it...

There is a Divine Pressure

Pressing On

In spite of what others might think

No matter what your wife's decision
is today about Jesus

No matter what your parents might think

“What About Him?”

peter, peter, peter...

It's Not About Him – It's About You

What About Her Life Lord, And What About His Life?

It's Not About Her, About Him – It's About You

You and Jesus

That's the whole story. That's what counts in life. It's the only thing that will matter in eternity...

Was it you and Jesus in this life?

I Invite You to know Perseverance

b.) He Calls Us to Persevere

v.22-23

22 Jesus said to him, **"If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."** 23 Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple (John) would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will-*ed* that he remain till I come, what is that to you?" **You follow Me!**

I Invite You to know Perseverance

4.) I Invite you to Come With Us

vv. 24-25

This is the disciple **who testifies** of these things, **and wrote** these things; and we know that his testimony is true. 25 And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

How Do We Know?
... that his testimony is true?

I Invite You to Come With Us

a.) *Because I have Something to Tell You* v.24a

This is the disciple **who testifies** of these things,

b.) *Because I Have Something to Show You* v.24b

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c.) *Because I Have Something to Give You* v.25

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It is this evangelistic plea...

Matthew 11:16-25

"But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their companions, 17 "and saying: 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we mourned to you, and you did not lament.' 18 "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' 19 "The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a gluttonous man and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' But wisdom is justified by her children." 20 Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent: 21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 "But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. 23 "And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24 "But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you." 25 At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

THE END OF THE STUDY OF JOHN