

Life Church Sermon Sheet

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**Title: Give yourself away-
Jesus Gave Himself to us
God is looking for us to say So will I.**

Matt 27:11-26 Jesus before Pilate

Give yourself away

Philippians 2:16-30



Review: Jesus before Pilate, we see that Jesus did the work needed to make sure he **knew his Identity** (as God's son), Walked in a manner that **understood his Authority** (that he stood above the authority of Pilate, but had to subject his authority to what God's plan was.), He **trusted God's Process** and voice. John did so as well, but was scared... Like we might be but asked the question.

We learned that Jesus was able to do these things because of **how he heard God's voice**.

- We learned that to know our Identity **the same way we learned our earthly identity** but especially the need to internalize the 101+ biblical truths about who we are in Christ... We have significance, we are a Friend of God, Forgiven, New creatures, etc...
- We learned our authority in **the same way we can learn a math magic trick**. Take notes, Know the basics to keep things simple, practice with those who love us first and are willing to be patient with us even as we may make mistakes. And finally, being able to "predict" in confidence the future because of what God has shown us.
- We learned how to trust God's Process **the same way we learn a language**- through immersion, keeping things simple and speaking spiritual language often- learning the vocabulary, grammar and how to think directly in the new language instead of always having to translate.

Today we are learning about what Jesus did before Pilate was to give himself away. We also learn about hearing God's voice by giving yourself Away.

1. Jesus Gave himself away, way before he went before Pilate. But his heart had to be fully committed in the Garden of Gethsemane. He heard from God that there was not another way, but he had to freely drink of the Cup of Crucifixion.
2. Many people have heard the apocryphal story of the 5 year old who gave his blood to his sister to save her life and wanted to know when he would begin to die. That is certainly giving himself away...The story of the rich young ruler... Matt 19:16-30. The story is not just about sacrifice but about the process of hearing from God. The rich young ruler didn't want to truly hear from God, he wanted to have a checklist of works he could do, but Jesus

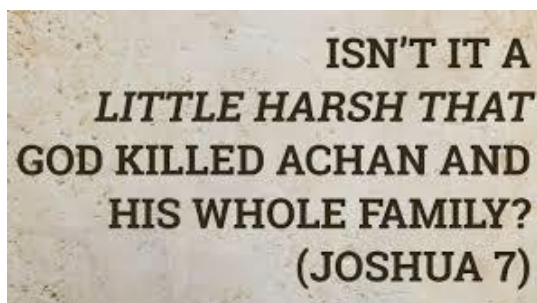
went straight to his heart. If he was a billionaire he would have gladly given millions, so Jesus went straight to the heart... and asked for it all!

3. Examples of People giving themselves away...It means giving up your will and way for another or higher purpose.
 - a. Abraham giving up Isaac, to prove his love for and faith in God.
 - b. Jeremiah giving up the right to get married- to show what was going to happen to Jerusalem.
 - c. Abraham giving up right to pick land with Lot.
 - d. David giving up the desire for revenge with Saul.
 - e.
4. What happens when people don't give themselves away...

Splits... Rebellion, divorce and the like... Sometimes we have to separate from those who hurt us, but we should not stop loving them...

 - a. Jonah- Twice... When he left in the wrong direction, and when the worm ate his shade tree.
 - b. Splits between Israel and Judah (hearing from God weakened – False prophets and Ahab with Jehoshaphat).
 - c. NT: Judas, Deacons (Greek and Jewish Christians), Peter & Paul, Corinthians and Communion, Dislike of Paul, Annanias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11) etc.
 - d. Modern Church... Hatfields and McCoys- but we all are supposed to be hearing from God... why so much drama? Separation?
 - e. People
5. Your turn
 - a. What deep thing does God need you to be willing to sacrifice today?
 - i. The right to be right...
 - ii. Our right to get back at someone who does us wrong...
 - iii. Our right to marriage, children, money, eat the food we want, & possessions?
 - iv. Our right to a dog that has been given to us (Kingsmen)
 - v. The right to be looked at with respect.
 - vi. The right to tell God how you feel, like Job?
 - vii. Other: _____
 - b. We must walk in God's Strength since no good thing lies within our flesh and our hearts.
 - i. The solution to our problem cannot come from us... We are the problem.

Christ is the solution but we have to follow- Meet God in the Garden- intentionally listen to God. Joshua loss a battle he was supposed to win because he didn't go to God about it! Why did the Entire family have to die? Joshua had to give up part of the family so the rest of the family might get their inheritance...



**ISN'T IT A
LITTLE HARSH THAT
GOD KILLED ACHAN AND
HIS WHOLE FAMILY?
(JOSHUA 7)**

ii. Isn't it a little harsh that God would ask us to die to ourselves so our spirit could prosper and take the Land God wants us to take. Giants are not our problem- we are.