



UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT FALLS

CBCTV FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

JOHN 12:23-28A

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - January 14, 2024

1. Praise _____

John 12:23–28a (ESV)

23 And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

27 "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.

2. Be _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Matthew 16:18.** How should Jesus' declarative statement that he will build his church and that the gates of hell will not prevail against it encourage you as you look to the future? How does it make you thankful as you look to the past?
2. **Read Philippians 2:5-11.** Meditate on the sacrifices that Jesus made for your benefit and spend time thanking him for what he has done for you. What are some specific ways you can follow this example this week?
3. **Read John 8:29 & 2 Corinthians 5:9.** What are some of the main ways you are tempted to please yourself instead of God? How will you seek to please God in these instances instead of yourself?
4. **Read Philippians 1:29-30.** Imagine what the world would be like if Paul had aimed for a life of comfort and ease instead of embracing the struggles of ministry. If you run away from difficulty for your own comfort, what negative effects will that have in your life and ministry?
5. **Read Philippians 2:14-18.** What are some of the ways you might be tempted to grumble in the sacrifices you make to serve others? How can Paul's example in v.17 encourage sacrifice with gladness instead of grumbling?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Anderson, Courtney. *To the Golden Shore: The Life of Adoniram Judson*. Judson Pr, 1987.

Eliot, Elisabeth. *Through Gates of Splendor*. Tyndale Momentum, 1981.

Piper, John. <https://www.desiringgod.org/biographies> (A collection of biographical messages)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise Jesus for what he has done over the last five years at CBCTV.

Pray that we would follow Jesus' example of laying down our lives for God's glory.

Pray that our next five years would be more fruitful than the first.

Pray that we would be able to plant a church in the next five years.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
1/15	Genesis 29-30	Matthew 11
1/16	Genesis 31-32	Matthew 12:1-32
1/17	Genesis 33-34	Matthew 12:33-50
1/18	Genesis 35-36	Matthew 13:1-30
1/19	Genesis 37-39	Matthew 13:31-58
1/20	Genesis 40-41	Matthew 14