### Day 1 Conqueror of Darkness. Pray to have the mindset of a Conqueror.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was with God in the beginning. [3] Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. [4] In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. [5] The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. **John 1:1-5 NIV** 

**Word definition:** Conquer is a word descriptive of but rarely used to define Jesus.It means "to defeat an enemy, or take control or possession of a foreign land." In this sense, Jesus comes as the light to conquer a world filled with darkness. Everything he does, every person he heals, and everyone he rescues from the darkness of a soul without God is him conquering the darkness.

## **Deep reflection:**

- Read all of John chapter 1
- Read John 3:16-21 then write down a Biblical definition of darkness
- Read John 12:37-46 and list 3-5 ways Jesus can set us free from the darkness

## **Reflection Question:**

• How could changing your view of Jesus to "conqueror of darkness" help you in your own efforts to defeat darkness?

# Day 2 Courage in the Temple. Pray for courage.

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. [14] In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. [15] So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. [16] To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" [17] His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." **John 2:13-17 NIV** 

**Word definition:** Courage is defined as "the ability to control fear and to be willing to deal with something that is dangerous, difficult, or unpleasant."\* The courage of Jesus is on display when he enters the temple alone in John 2:13-17, makes a whip out of cords, and then proceeds to drive out those who had driven God from his own house. Jesus has the courage to resist the temptation to conform, defy the crowds, and reclaim God's house.

#### **Deep reflection:**

- Read all of John chapter 2-3
- Read Mark 10:32 and explain how the courage of Jesus affected disciples and followers
- Use Mark 12:13-14 to identify three qualities which made Jesus courageous
- Read Acts 4:11-20 NIV and notice the quality associated with those who been with Jesus

### **Reflection Question:**

• Describe a time when you demonstrated courage to resist the temptation to conform to the world.

# Day 3 Compassion for the Disabled and poor. Pray for the spirit of compassion.

- [2] Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. [3] Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed...
- [5] One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. [6] When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" [7] "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."
- [8] Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." [9] At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath... **John 5:1-3, 5-9 NIV**

#### **Word definition:**

When we experience "a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for other people's suffering or bad luck and a desire to help," then we are experiencing compassion, one of the chief motivators in the life of Jesus. Paying close attention to John 5:3-6 we learn there are a great number of disabled people by the pool, but Jesus "sees" the one who has been there for 38 years. There has never been a shortage of people to "stare" at someone with a disability, but rare is the person who "sees" someone with a disability. Compassion is what turns "staring" into "seeing," and in the case of this disabled man, it was being seen that changed his life.

## **Deep reflection:**

- Read all of John chapter 4-5
- Read Matthew 9:35-37 and explain what the compassion of Jesus allowed him to see
- Read Matthew 14:13-14 and identify the "power source" for the compassion of Jesus
- Read Luke 15:11-31 and explain the connection between compassion and forgiveness

## **Reflection Question:**

• What are some barriers or obstacles in your life that prevents the spirit of compassion? How might you begin living a more compassionate life today?

## Day 4 Confidence fosters a frim foundation. Pray for confidence.

Jesus's confidence was in God. On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" [61] Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? [62] Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! [63] The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. [64] Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. [65] He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them." [66] From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. [67] "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. [68] Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. [69] We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God." John 6:60-69 NIV

#### Word definition:

The feeling or belief that one can rely on someone or something; firm trust. Jesus's confidence was in God alone. John 6:66-67 reveals the confidence of Jesus, when in the midst of disciples turning their backs on him, he turns to the twelve and says, "You do not want to leave too, do you?" It is as if he were saying, "tell me your plans so I can find a new set of 12, because this is going to get done with or without you."

# Deep reflection:

- Read John 6
- Read Jeremiah 17:5-8 NLT to understand how Jesus became trusting and confident
- Read Luke 18:9-14 NLT and explain the difference between "self" and "God" confidence
- Read II Corinthians 1:8-10 NLT and identify what God is doing to make you confident

## **Reflection Question:**

• What changes can you make to build your confidence in God?

## Day 5 Pray for a captivating character to draw all men.

Jesus was the anointed one. In other words, he was captivating. How captivating was Jesus? Jesus did nothing until halfway through the feast. Then he went up to the temple courtyard and began to teach. [15] The Jews there were amazed. They asked, "How did this man learn so much without being taught?"

[32] The Pharisees heard the crowd whispering things like this about him. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees sent temple guards to arrest him...

[45] Finally the temple guards went back to the chief priests and the Pharisees. They asked the guards, "Why didn't you bring him in?" [46] "No one ever spoke the way this man does," the guards replied.

John 7:14-15, 32, 45-46 NIV

**Word definition:** When an individual can "hold the attention of someone by being extremely interesting, exciting, charming, or attractive," then that person is captivating. This brings us to a question. Regardless of who you admire on this list, no one can compare to the ability of Jesus to captivate the heart of man. No one!

John 7:32 says the Pharisees "sent temple guards to arrest" Jesus, but when these guards heard him speak they failed to arrest him, and were instead themselves arrested. The guards returned to the Pharisees and explained the absence of an imprisoned Jesus with these words, "No one ever spoke the way this man does. This remains true today, and we should ask a question: since we have the same message, are we captivating? Do we make the message of Jesus irresistible?

## **Deep reflection:**

- Read John 7.
- Reread John 7:16-18 and explain why purity of motive determines our ability to captivate?
- Read John 12:44-50 and explain and examine the danger of speaking on our own authority.
- Read I Corinthians 2:1-5 and identify how Paul captivates and inspires like Jesus.

## **Reflection Question:**

In Acts 11:19-21, where ordinary, unnamed, and unknown Christians captivate the city of Antioch. There were no "great men" just regular Christians who ignited the fire of faith in that city, which teaches me we greatly underestimate the potential of our individual influence on people. What are your limitations or challenges that hinders your commitment to make the gospel irresistible?

## Day 6 Pray to remove the spirit condemnation for a heart of forgiveness.

The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst [4] they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. [5] Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?"[6] This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. [7] And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." [8] And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. [9] But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. [10] Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"[11] She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more." John 8:3-11 ESV

**Word definition:** To fully understand this verse, we need to examine its context and the significance of the words used. Romans 8 is a chapter that talks about the freedom that comes with being a child of God. It emphasizes the fact that those who have faith in Jesus Christ are no longer under the condemnation of the law.

The word "condemnation" used in this verse means "a guilty verdict" or "a punishment." It refers to the judgment that comes as a result of breaking God's law. The Bible teaches that "all have sinned and are falling short of the honor and glory which God bestows and receives" Romans 3:23 (AMPC), and "the wages which sin pays is death" Romans 6:23 (AMPC).

However, Romans 8:1 declares that "there is now no condemnation (no adjudging guilty of wrong) for those who are in Christ Jesus," This means that those who have placed their faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior are no longer under the judgment of the law. They are not guilty, and they will not face punishment for their sins.

The reason why believers are no longer under condemnation is because of what Jesus Christ did on the cross. He took upon Himself the punishment that we deserved for our sins. He died in our place and paid the price for our redemption. As a result, those who believe in Him are now justified, meaning they are declared righteous before God.

### **Deep reflection:**

- Read John 8.
- Read Luke 4:14-22 and list 1-2 forgiving qualities of Jesus.
- Read Luke 16:1-9 and explain the benefits of forgiveness.

## **Reflection Question:**

• Do you often see the good in others and offer redemption? What can we do to look beyond the faults of others and see their needs?

## Day 7 Pray for boldness and steadfastness in the midst of controversy.

Jesus and anyone who chooses to live like him will be controversial, and that isn't a negative thing. Unless we decide to live in a society where everyone believes and thinks the same thing controversies will abound.

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. [2] And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" [3] Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.

6 Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud [7] and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. [14] Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. [15] So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

[16] Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. [17] So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

John 9:1-3, 6-7, 13-17 ESV

#### **Word definition:**

Someone is controversial when they cause or are likely to cause disagreement. I was surprised when I read this dictionary definition for controversial, because I assumed it would be more negative. The fact is a cause, message, person, or group becomes controversial when it forces people to make a choice or decision.

In this sense, Jesus and anyone who chooses to live like him will be controversial, and that isn't a negative thing. Unless we decide to live in a society where everyone believes and thinks the same thing controversies will abound.

What is interesting and unique is that Jesus was not controversial for the sake of being controversial. In fact, one might say he went out of his way to avoid controversy. An example of this can be found in Matthew 5:17 where he states his position on the Jewish law by saying, "I have not come to abolish but to fulfill them." Even though he would introduce a covenant that would make Judaism obsolete, as a Jew he was going to obey every element of that law (Hebrews 8:13).

This conservatism was not on display in his teaching in John 9:1-3, where he counters the traditional view that a man born blind was the consequence of someone's sin. He turns the law and tradition on its head and teaches that disability is an opportunity for God to be glorified. To make matters worse Jesus performs the miracle healing of the blind man on a Sabbath, which upsets the Pharisees.

Why were the Pharisees upset? Personally, I believe this had more to do with their conventionality, lack of innovative instinct, and inability to understand God never intended the Sabbath to be a day free from doing good. The Pharisees valued control and conventionality. They wanted things approved by them and done their way. The law wasn't the issue, and since Jesus knew this, he took a stand with the goal of wresting the power from the hands of men and returning it to God and his Word.

The controversy wasn't a blind man being healed, but the spiritually blind Pharisees losing their influence, and the focus of the people returning to God.

Jesus was not controversial unless a person or people were conventional. By conventional I mean an attachment to human tradition, rules, or ways of doing things not rooted completely in Scripture. He did not spend his time in rebellion against government be it Roman or Jewish.

Jesus was controversial in the name of spiritually innovating ways for people to see the truth about God, so he healed, helped, and preached against human rules and conventions. He led breakthroughs in faith and the understanding of God.

## **Deep reflection:**

- Read John 9-10.
- Read Matthew 15:1-20. What controversy exists in this passage and why?
- Read Titus 3:9 and explain the type of controversies we should avoid.

## **Reflection Question:**

• Reflect on a time that you experienced controversy as it relates to something lawful, but you made a decision for what was good for the sake of God's grace and glory.

## Day 8 Pray that you will still be convincing in the midst of confusion.

Jesus was sent by God to be the chief persuader. He was on a mission to convince. When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." [33] When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 34 "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. [35] Jesus wept. [36] Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" [37] But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. [39] "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." [40] Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" [41] So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. [42] I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."[43] When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" [44] The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." John 11:32-44 NIV

#### **Word definition:**

The word convince means "to cause someone to believe something or to do something," and in this moment of traumatic grief born from delay, Jesus had to convince those who had counted on him but been disappointed in his timing.

In truth, the delay only mattered because they were limiting the power of Jesus to healing the sick, because it was unimaginable that he could raise the dead. In fact, when Jesus arrived and

asked them to move the stone so he could raise Lazarus from the dead, Martha's unbelief was so profound that she said, "But, Lord...by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." Even though Martha was a disciple of Jesus, she was not fully convinced of who he was, nor was her sister Mary.

All he needed was three words, because when Jesus said, "Lazarus, come out!" the Bible continues by saying, "The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face." The Lord finished off with panache as he said, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

When we are confused, and facing emotional trauma like grief, it is important to trust God and realize his delay is never callous disregard. He is always working to convince and save as many as possible, something we see as this wonderful story of Lazarus concludes with not only his sisters being convinced, but "many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did" believed in him as well.

## **Deep reflection:**

- Read John 11-13.
- Read Romans 8:37-39 to list and believe all the reasons to be convinced of God's love
- Read II Corinthians 5:14-15 and examine your faith that Jesus died and rose from the dead.
- Read II Timothy 3:14-17 and examine your conviction that Scripture is God's Word.

#### **Reflection Question:**

• Are you in a place with God that you can convince people that are without hope that God's loves them? How can you convince a person with no hope that God exists?

## Day 9 Pray for stewardship over our emotions

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. [2] My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.[4] You know the way to the place where I am going." [5] Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" [6] Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **John 14:1-6 NIV** 

#### **Word definition:**

Emotions can make us cautious. Fear prevents us from strolling down a dark alley in the night. Confusion can make us stop and reassess before moving forward into an uncertain endeavor. Embarrassment can make us investigate the certainty that our future wife will say "yes" when we pop the question.

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Following Jesus can make us cautious, because he takes us into the spiritual equivalent of the "dark alley," expecting us to follow without hesitation based on trust, and when we arrive he expects us to ignore potential "embarrassment" and take the leap of faith to become or do whatever it is he has laid out for us.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled," was a message Jesus delivered to his disciples often and in a variety of ways, because following him was a "troubling" emotional experience. Following Jesus meant you were on the move and had no place to lay your head, because you were on a mission that had to be completed in 3 years (Luke 9:57-62). As a consequence, Jesus worked hard to comfort the disciples so they would choose courage over caution.

Even after his speech about not letting their "hearts be troubled," and encouragement to have faith, or in his words, "You believe in God; believe also in me," caution still tempted one disciple.

Thomas was an apostle whose primary purpose seems to have been questioning Jesus. Questioning is what we do when we experience what I call "hesitation emotions," which are those that make us contemplate caution (a word defined as "not acting quickly to avoid risks").

Thomas did what we all do – he found a way to express his fear without putting it on display. At the close of the Lord's homily on faith and trust Jesus says, "You know the way to the place where I am going." This left an opening for Thomas to say, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way." Jesus emphasized "the way" while Thomas emphasized "where," as if to say "following you we never know where we are going, and this gets tiring even frustrating, especially when you say we know the way."

Jesus responds to Thomas and his discomfort with uncertainty by pointing out a truth he had missed. The "way" and the "where" were not a path or a place, but a relationship, as he says in his own words, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

We aren't much different from Thomas. We are constantly anxious and obsessed about the "way" and the "where" as a path or place, when what God wants is a relationship. In a sense, Jesus told them then and tells us now, your physical "way" and "where" should never trouble your heart, as long as you are in relationship with me. This is the true path we should travel to experience the comfort of the Lord, and turn our caution into courage.

#### **Deep reflection:**

- Read John 14.
- Read II Corinthians 1:3-7 and make a list 3 things you learn about being comforted.
- Read Psalm 23:1-6 to identify the unusual form of comfort found in this passage. Explain each
- Read I Thessalonians 2:11 and explain how comfort can be motivating.

## **Reflection Question:**

• Are you controlled by your emotions? Do your emotions dictate how you respond to circumstances and the unknown?

## Day 10 Pray for Clarity of His word.

Jesus: I am the true vine, and My Father is the keeper of the vineyard. [2] My Father examines every branch in Me and cuts away those who do not bear fruit. He leaves those bearing fruit and carefully prunes them so that they will bear more fruit; [3] already you are clean because you have heard My voice.[4] Abide in Me, and I will abide in you. A branch cannot bear fruit if it is disconnected from the vine, and neither will you if you are not connected to Me.[5] I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you abide in Me and I in you, you will bear great fruit. Without Me, you will accomplish nothing.

### John 15:1-5

#### **Word definition:**

One of the most distinctive qualities of Jesus's teaching is his ability to bring clarity out of complexity. Clarity, which is "the quality of being clear and easy to understand," is one of the reasons it is so easy to believe Scripture is completely inspired by God. In this passage, he throws out all the biblical laws, human traditions, as well as our internal guilt-driven do's and don'ts, then comparing us to a branch, he says our fundamental responsibility is to stay connected to the Vine. There is nothing more we need to know. Do this and live!

### **Deep reflection:**

- Read John 15-16.
- Read Luke 10:38-42 and relate it to John 15 and the importance of staying in the Vine.
- Read Psalm 73 and identify 3-5 things that might make you leave the Vine.
- Read Psalm 18 and identify 3-5 reasons you should stay connected to the Vine.

## **Reflection Question:**

• Are you connected to the vine? Name the fruits of the spirit? Are you lacking in any area?

## Day 11 Pray for Unity and peace.

We need to learn what we need to do to become a calming rather than contentious influence, so that the John 17:20-23 prayer of Jesus' can become a reality in our lives.

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, [21] that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

[22] I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—[23] I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

## John 17:20-23 NIV

## **Word definition:**

We live in contentious times, which has made it easier for us to accept divisiveness among Christians. Jesus didn't accept divisiveness; he expected unity. His words in John 17:20-23 were meant to calm the potential contentiousness in those who followed him, by making sure they understood that the only way people would believe God that sent him was if the disciples were completely unified.

Calm is a powerful word meaning "peaceful, quiet, or relaxed; without hurried movement, anxiety, or noise." We all have the potential to be contentious, which is defined as "causing or likely to cause disagreement."

When Jesus calms, he is leading us into a more peaceful, quiet, and relaxed attitude, which is a necessity for unity.

Somewhere in these three questions when honestly answered, we can learn what we need to do to become a calming rather than contentious influence, so that the John 17:20-23 prayer of Jesus' can become a reality in our lives.

# **Deep reflection:**

- Read John 17-19.
- Read Proverbs 14:30 AMP and make a list of 2-5 things you can do to become more calm.
- Read Galatians 5:19-21 Voice and identify 2-5 forms of contentiousness to avoid.
- Read Hebrews 12:14-15 NIV and explain 2-3 keys to keeping our relationships unified.

## **Reflection Question:**

- Am I calm or contentious?" Based on our answer we can move to another question, "Do I tend to be unifying or divisive?"
- How effective am I at calming the contentious and creating unity where there had been division?"

## Day 12 Pray that God will help our unbelief

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. [25] So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my

hand into his side, I will not believe."[26] A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" [27] Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."[28] Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" [29] Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:24-29 NIV

#### **Word definition:**

Doubt is wavering between two minds or lacking confidence, assurance, or complete trust in God. It's a deviation from the truth about God in thought or deed.

This doubt, distrust, and unbelief are first focused on God, and when sustained for significant periods of time these extend to our human relationships. When doubt, distrust, and unbelief are tolerated in our relationship with God and people, we will eventually become cynical.

Thomas is a good example of being honest and even bold about his doubts. He says, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." He made it clear he didn't trust or believe what he was hearing about Jesus resurrecting from the dead. Consequently, Jesus had a chance to answer and resolve Thomas's doubts. He allowed Thomas to put his finger in his hands and side to see the evidence of real wounds. The result was this declaration of conviction from Thomas, ""My Lord and my God!"

The only way to overcome the destructive influence and impact of doubt is to focus on God, clearing away all doubt, distrust, and unbelief by honestly sharing those feelings with Him. Once our faith in God is strong, it becomes easy to overcome the temptation to be cynical in human relationships.

## **Deep reflection:**

- Read John 20-21.
- Read Matthew 12:22-32 MSG and identify who is cynical, over what, and why they are.
- Read II Timothy 3:1-5 MSG and identify any sins that could lead to cynicism.

## Reflection: Praising our God!

This is the final Quiet Time in the "12 Days of Jesus." One important lesson I have learned in putting these studies together is my need to focus on Jesus. When we focus on Jesus, he keeps us focused on God, and our relationships with people become so much healthier. Additionally, when we focus on Jesus we become more of who we want to be, and who God has destined us to be. My hope for you is that you will spend the days, months, and years ahead continually redefining how you see Jesus, because only by questioning what we think we know, can we hope to discover the true depths of who he really is.