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11 I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by your name that you have given me, so that they may be one as we are one.,...15 I am not praying that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.18 As you sent me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 I sanctify myself for them, so that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

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24 “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they will see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the world’s foundation. 25 Righteous Father, the world has not known you. However, I have known you, and they have known that you sent me. 26 I made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love you have loved me with may be in them and I may be in them.

JOHN 17:24-26

LITURGICAL RESPONSE

READER: This is the Word of the LORD.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

READER: You may now be seated.

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— JOHN 17:1, 4-5 (CSB)

**The “glory of God” (noun) is His goodness DISPLAYED;
and “glorifying God” (verb) is His goodness CELEBRATED.**

**Even SUFFERING can become
a STAGE for God's GLORY.**

When life feels like one hit after another...

When things don't go your way...

When you're misunderstood...

When you're hurting, we can/should pray:

Father, show us your glory...

Help us to see your goodness...

Help us to celebrate your goodness despite how bad life might get...

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**Most people think eternal life is about
living somewhere better LATER...**

Jesus says it's about knowing Someone greater NOW.

“Father... show them who I am.”

Because if we don't see Him rightly, we won't follow Him fully.

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**Is your life actually centered around HIS GLORY...
or are you asking Him to support *YOURS*?**

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— **JOHN 17:9, 14-19 (CSB)**

SANCTIFY (“hagiazō”):

to set apart... to make holy... to purify... to consecrate...

CONSECRATE:

to intentionally set yourself apart for something that matters

“To be IN the world but not OF the world”

You live in the same world... but with a different truth

You face the same pressures... but respond differently

You have the same opportunities... but with different priorities

6 “I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from the world. They were yours, you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.”

JOHN 17:6

**Is your life being SHAPED more by God's TRUTH...
or by what this world/others keeps telling you?**

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“Father, Make Them as One...” (Unification)

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**The UNITY of the CHURCH is meant to
reflect the UNITY of the TRINITY.**

**UNITY is a HOLY and SACRED part
of our IDENTITY.**

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See “*GRUMBLING*” in the O.T. (e.g. Numbers)

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**HOW we speak reflects WHO we belong to—
and when we reject grumbling, we shine as God's people in a dark world.**

Through His Spirit,...

...instead of whispering ➡ go directly (Matt. 18:15)

...instead of assuming ➡ seek clarity (Prov. 18:13)

...instead of criticizing ➡ pray (Ephes. 6:18, Luke 6:28)

...instead of dividing ➡ pursue unity (Ephes. 4:3)

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“Father, Bring Them Home...” (Reconciliation)

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so that they will see my glory,... — JOHN 17:24 (CSB)*

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YOUR LIPS

Repenting of grumbling... criticism... words that divide

YOUR HANDS

Repenting of building your kingdom instead of His

YOUR FEET

Repenting of where you haven't gone when He sent you

YOUR MIND

Repenting of thoughts shaped more by the world than His truth

YOUR HEART

Repenting of hidden sin... disordered affections... desires not aligned with Him...