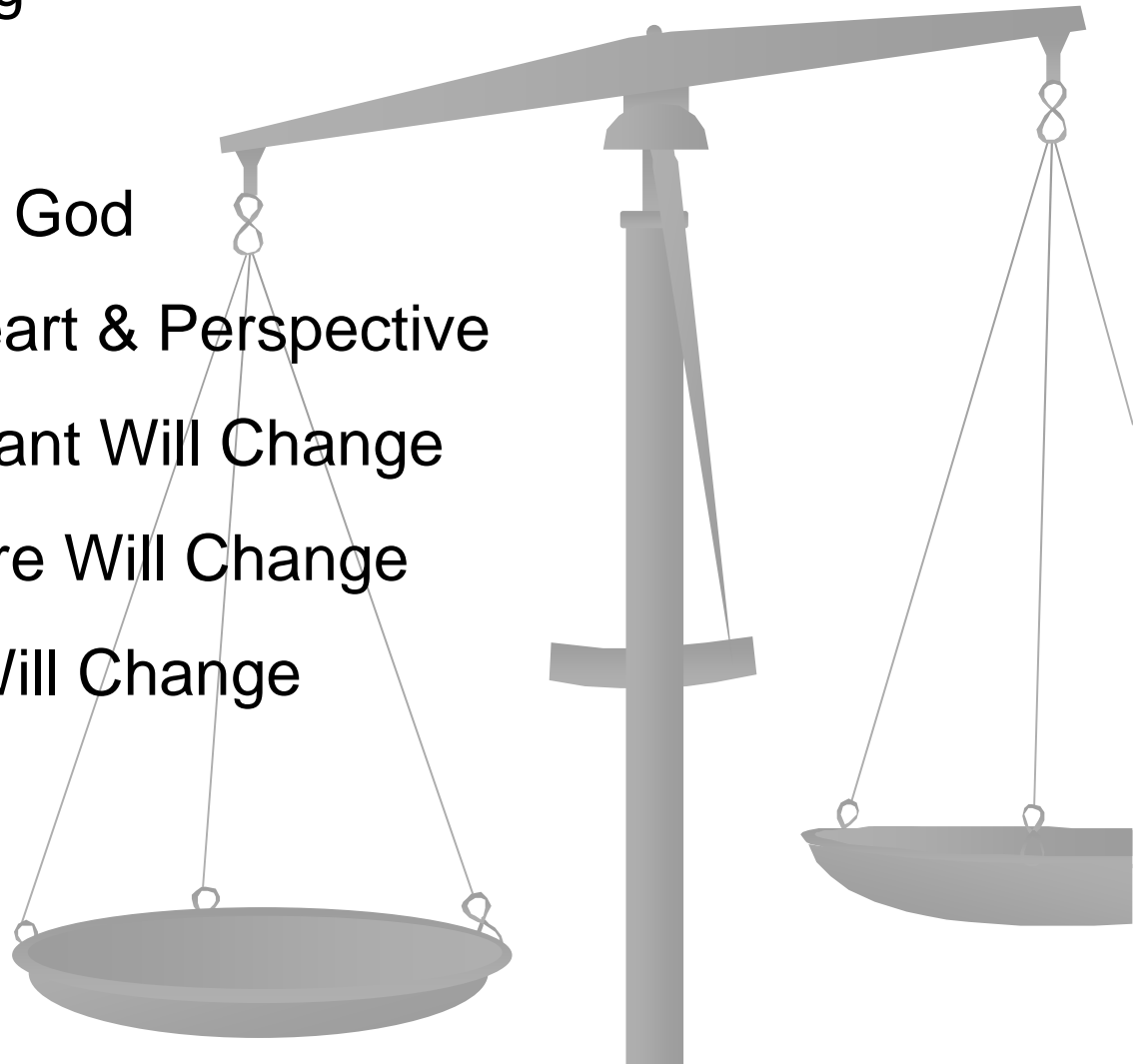


Jesus Prays

Series Talking & Walking

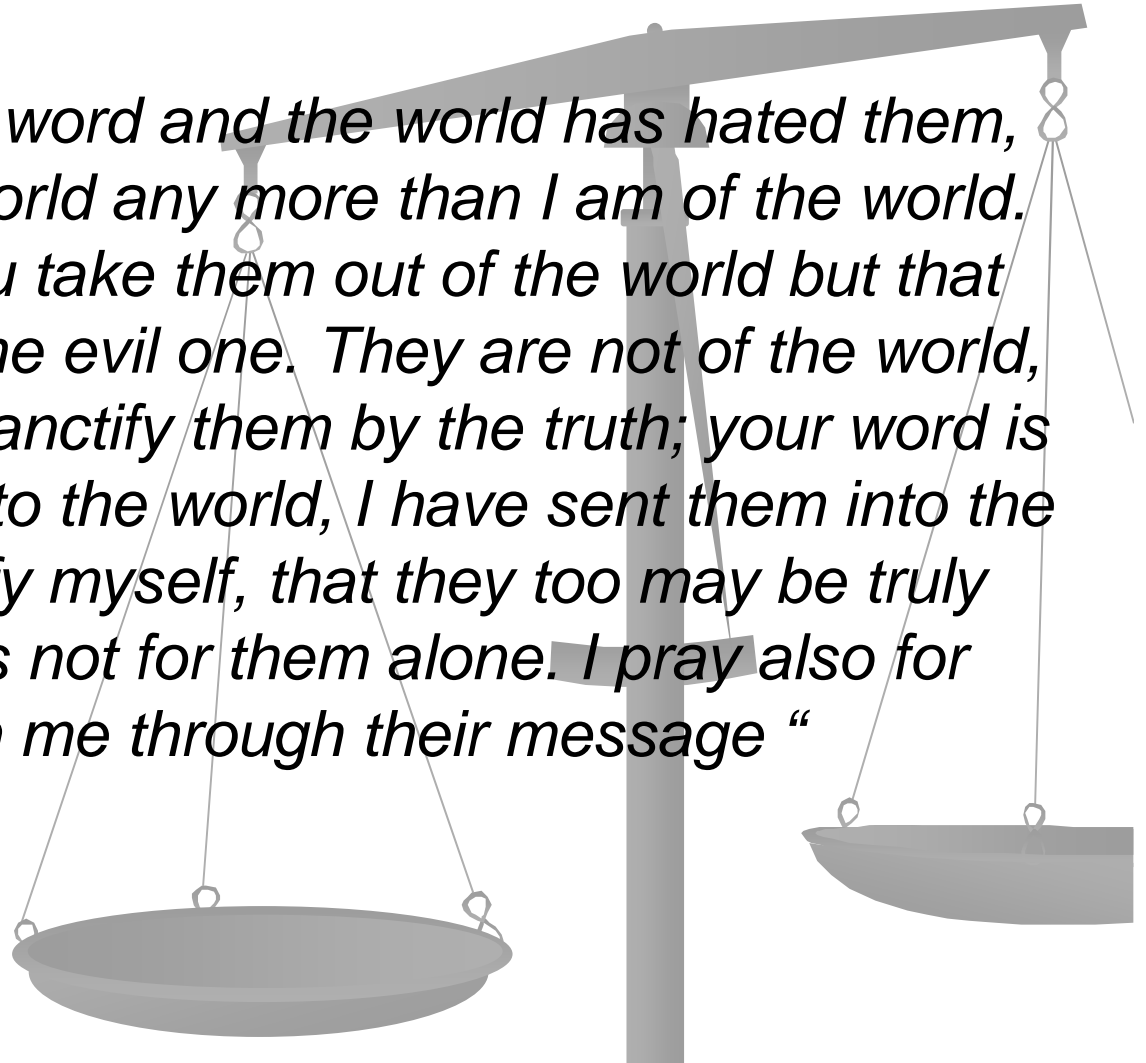
- How Jesus Prayed
- Learning to Talk with God
- Hearing Changes Heart & Perspective
 - a) What is Important Will Change
 - b) What We Desire Will Change
 - c) What We Do Will Change



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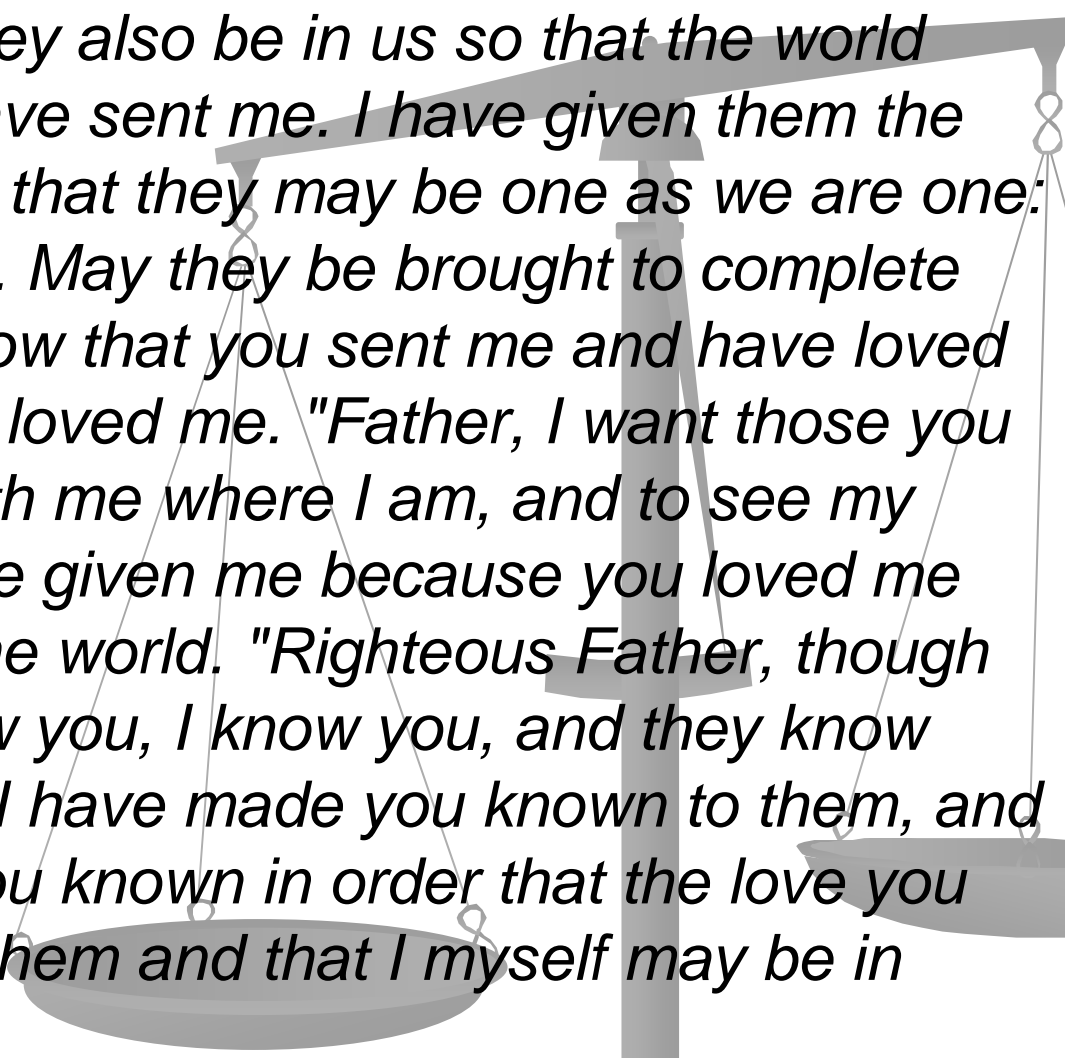
John 17:14-26

"I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message"



Jesus Prays

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. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."



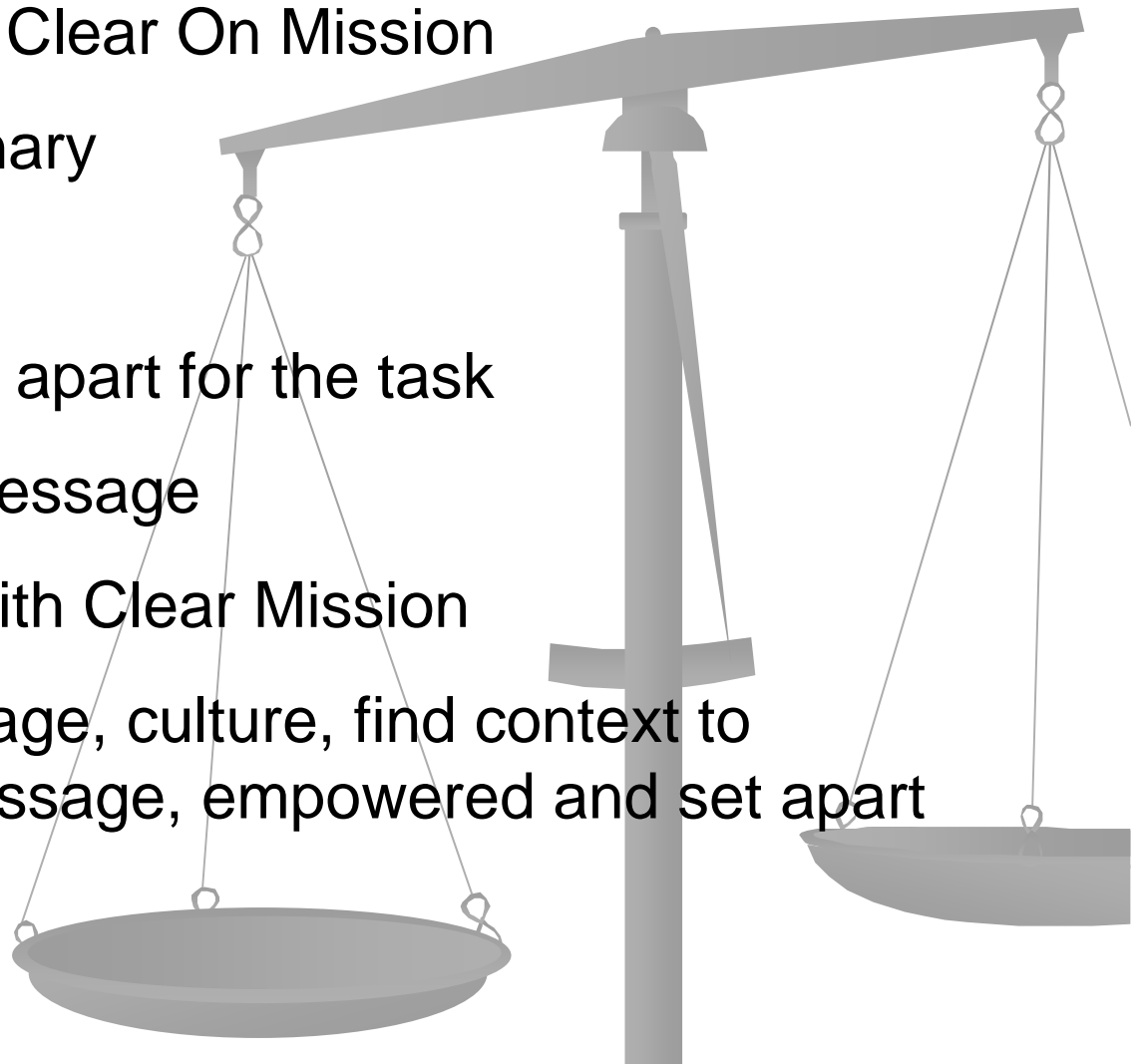
Jesus Prays

1. Pray They Would Be Clear On Mission

- Jesus was a Missionary
 - Sent by Father
 - Sanctified – set apart for the task
 - Clear Role & Message

a) Jesus Sends Us With Clear Mission

- learn the language, culture, find context to communicate the message, empowered and set apart



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Enemies to Mission

a) Bomb Shelter Mentality

- out of the world, holy & separated

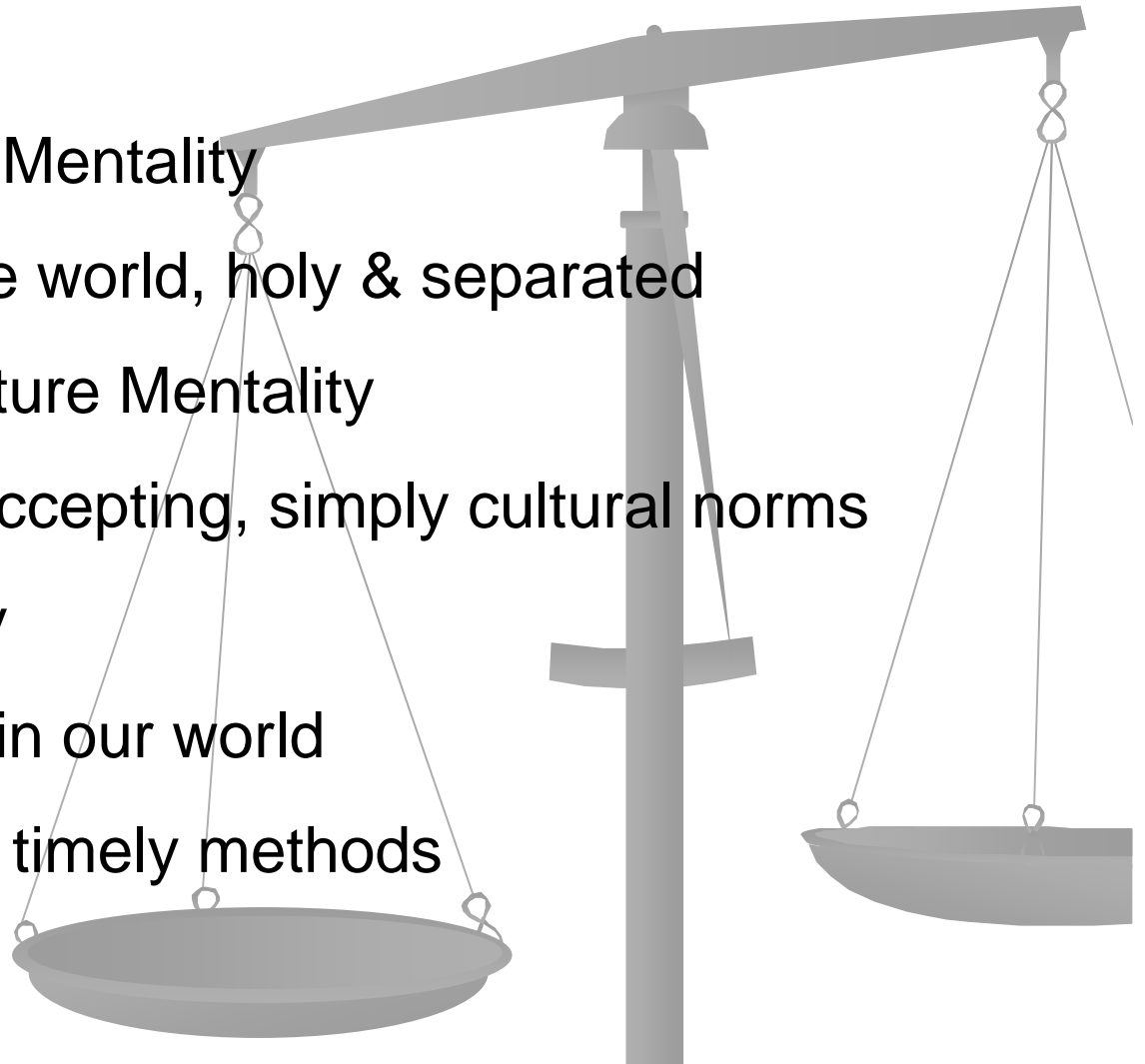
b) Mirror For Culture Mentality

- liberal, accepting, simply cultural norms

b) Truth the Only Way

- Holy yet active in our world

- timeless truth – timely methods



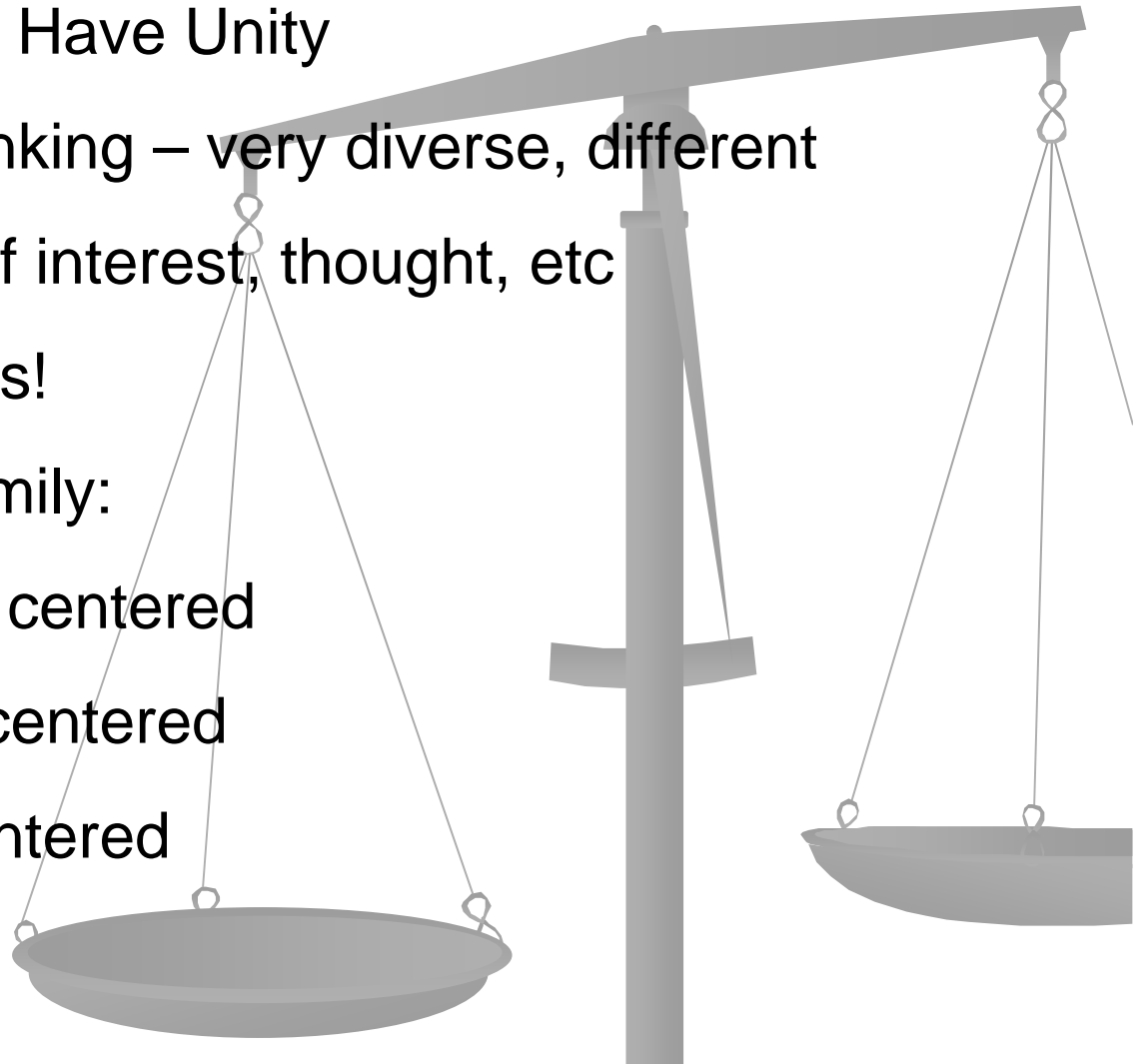
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2. Pray that They Would Have Unity

- impossible by my thinking – very diverse, different
- not common points of interest, thought, etc

a) Unity Around Jesus!

- example of a family:
 - marriage centered
 - children centered
 - Jesus centered



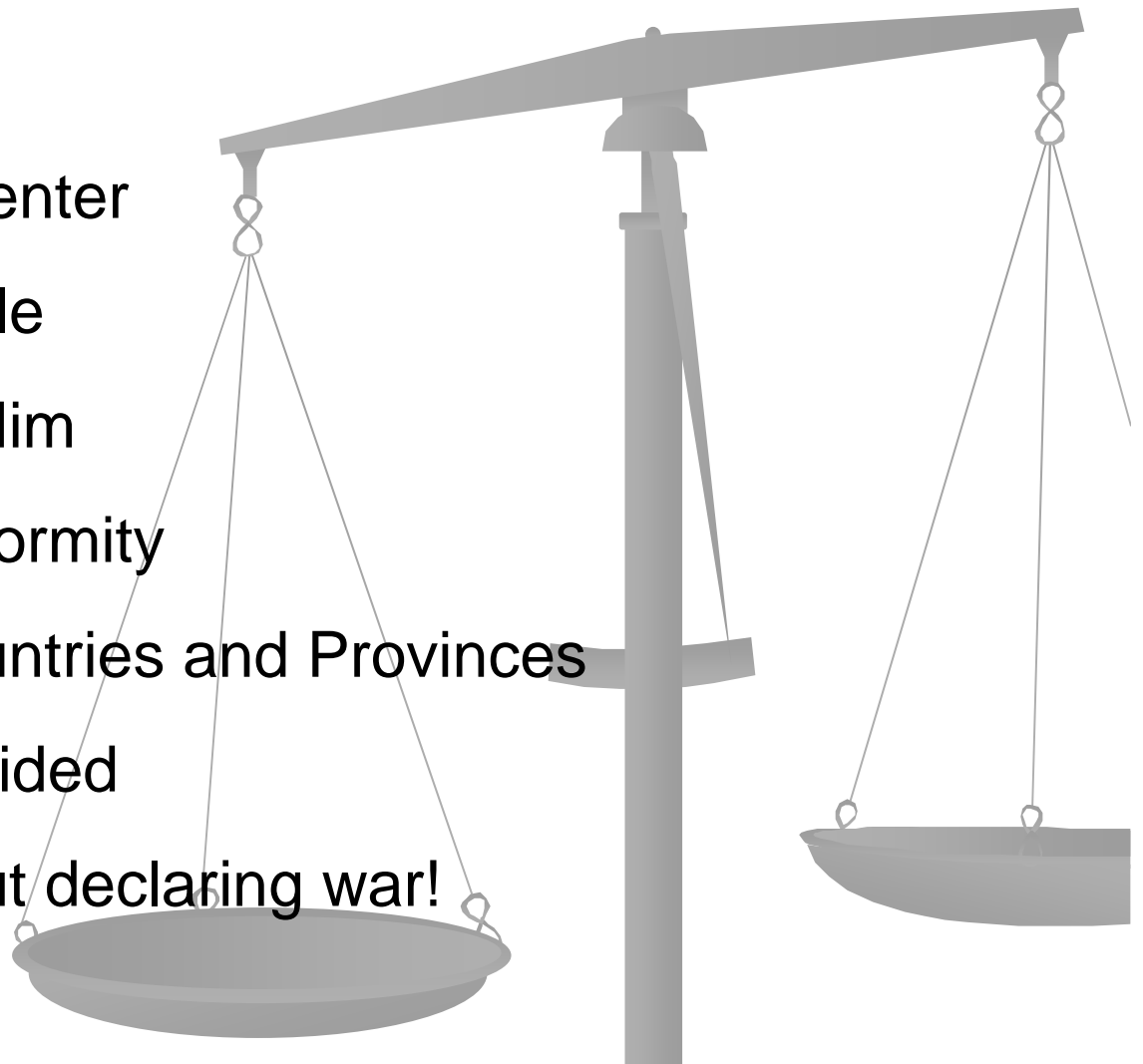
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- Unity around

- Jesus as the Center
- Bible as the Rule
- Mission From Him

b) Unity without Uniformity

- example of Countries and Provinces
- different not divided
- disagree without declaring war!



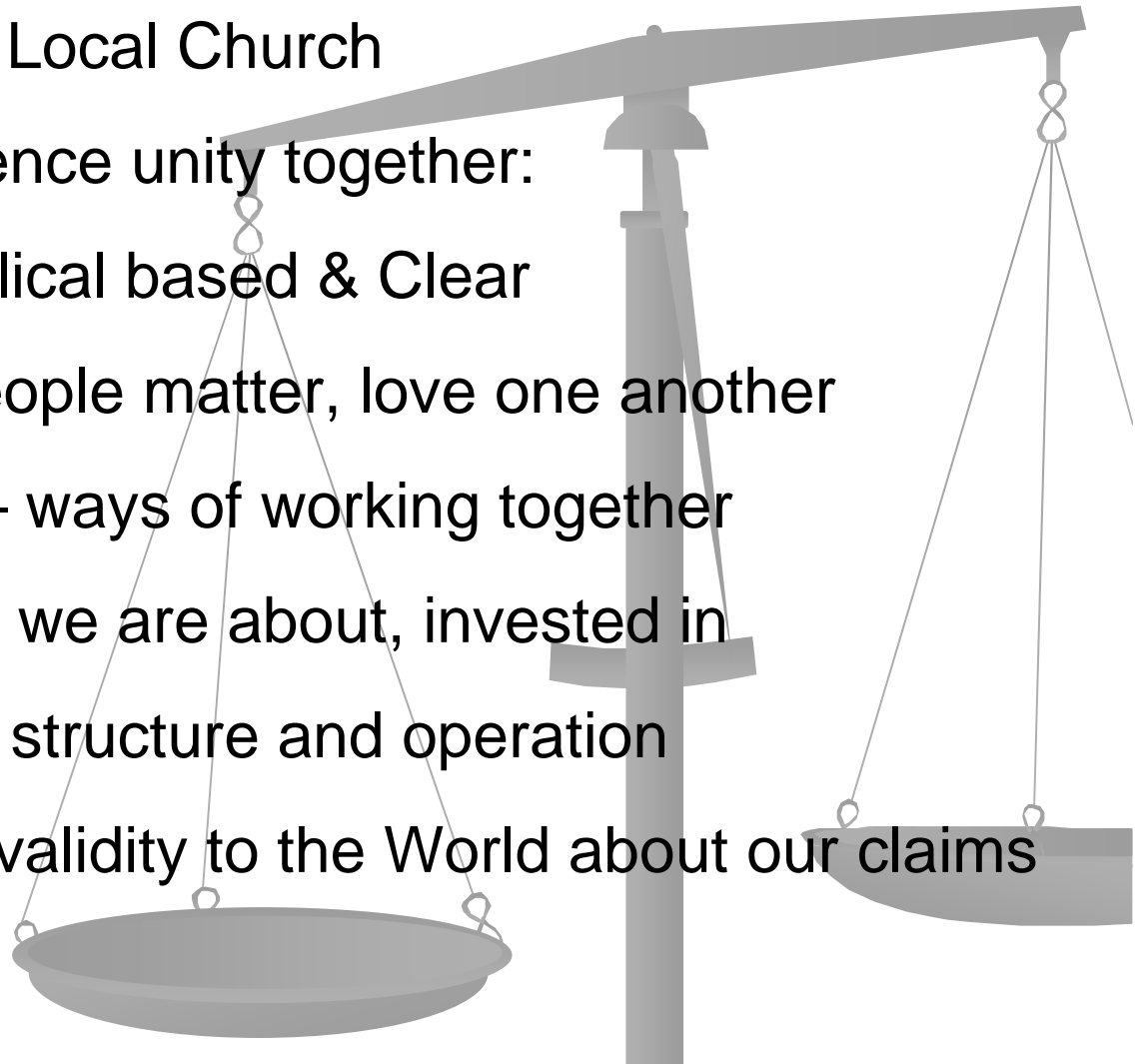
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c) Unity in Practice – Local Church

- in order to experience unity together:

1. Theology – biblical based & Clear
2. Relational – people matter, love one another
3. Philosophical – ways of working together
4. Mission – what we are about, invested in
5. Organization – structure and operation

*So Important it gives validity to the World about our claims



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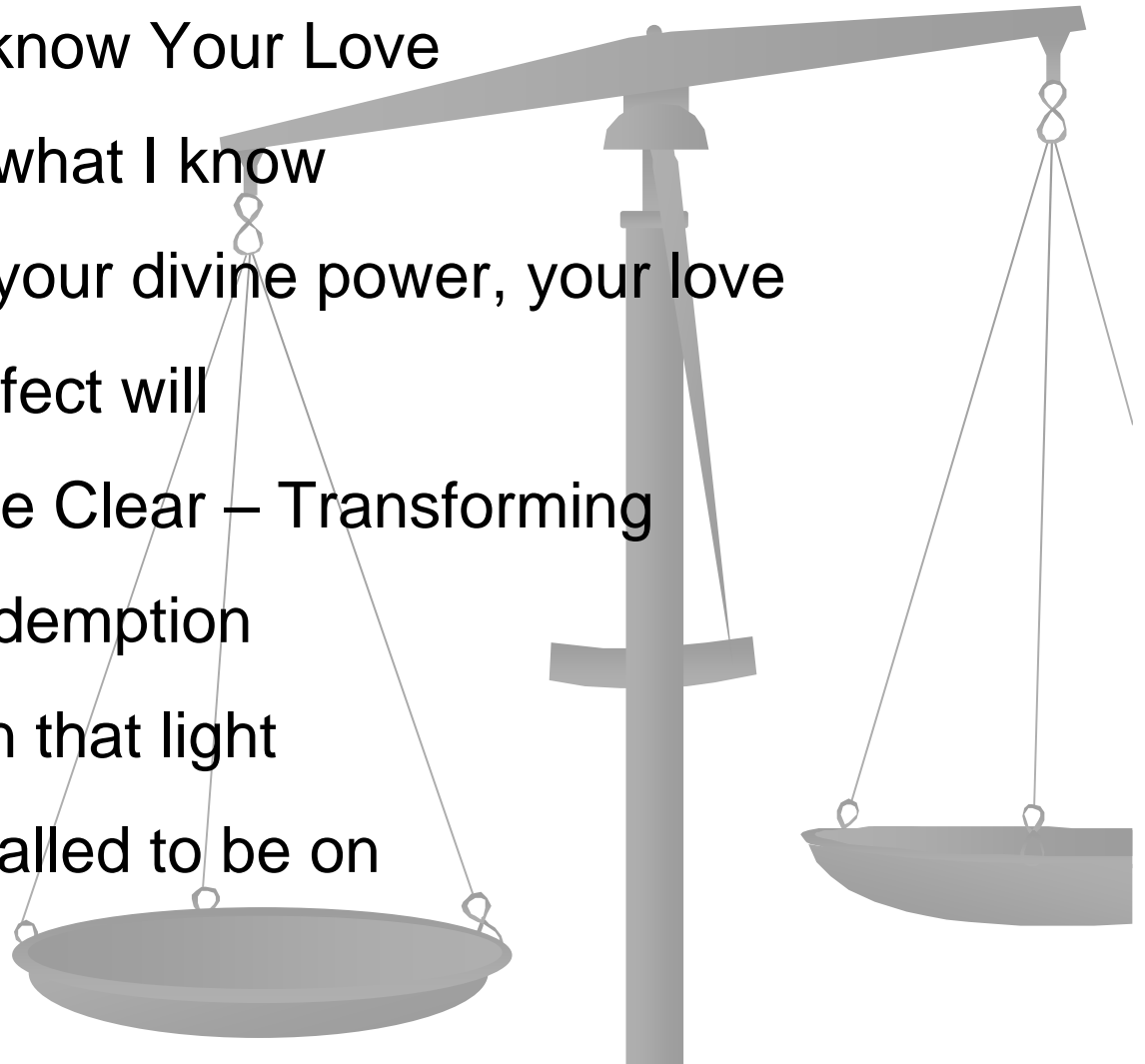
3. Pray that they would know Your Love

a) They would know what I know

- your character, your divine power, your love
- your good & perfect will

b) That Love would be Clear – Transforming

- live in light of redemption
- love for others in that light
- fill the mission called to be on



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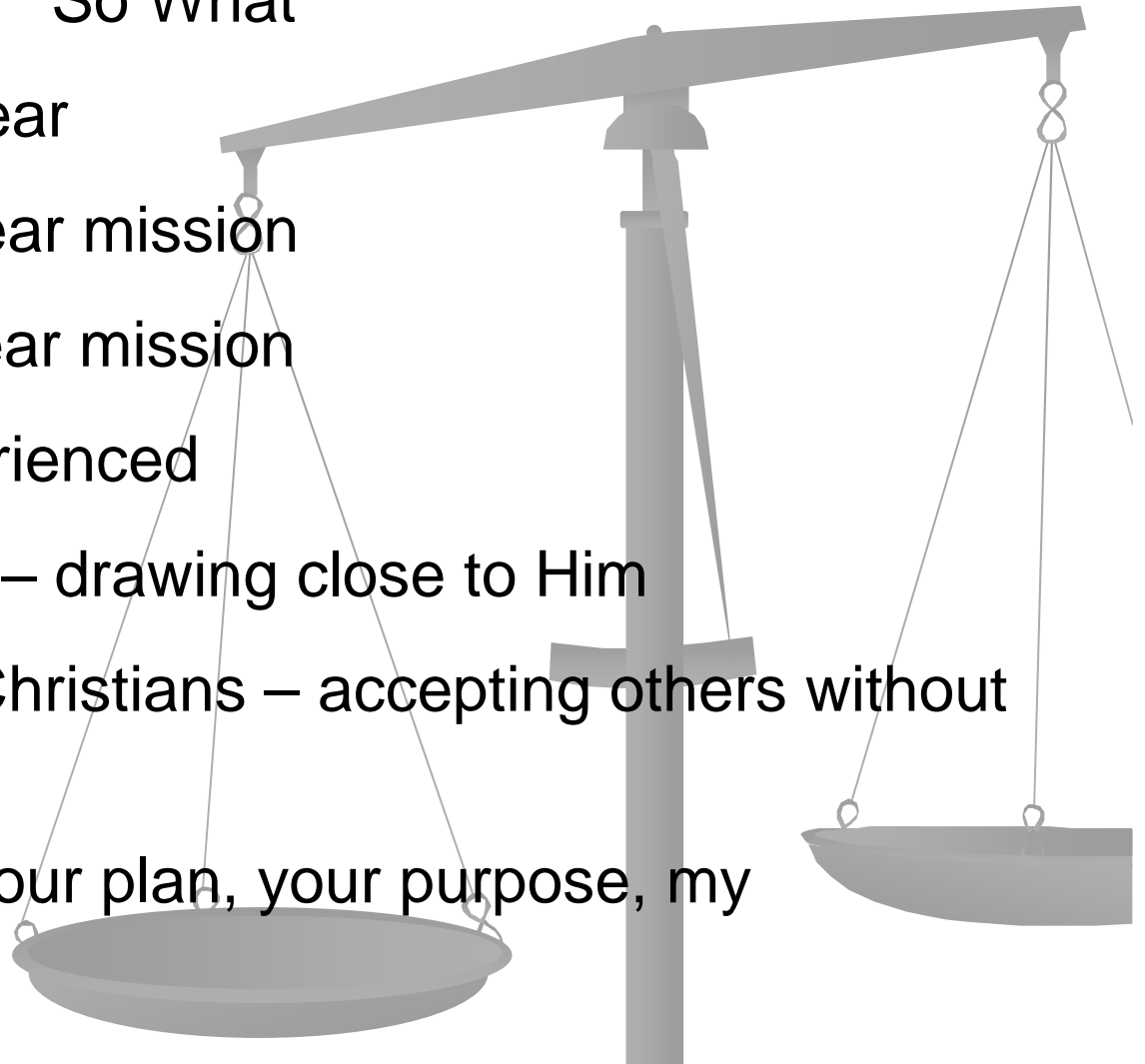
So What

1. Mission Would Be Clear

- I was Sent with a clear mission
- I send you with a clear mission

2. Unity Would Be Experienced

- around Jesus alone – drawing close to Him
- around diversity in Christians – accepting others without rejecting Jesus
- around the body – your plan, your purpose, my participation



Jesus Prays

3. Love Would Be Seen & Experienced

- Love of the Father
 - send His Son
 - redeemed to Him
 - empowered to Live
- Love Shown through Our Lives To Your World

