

VESSELS


MADE FOR THE KING ♦ JOHN 1:35-49





Questions of the Heart

- ♦ WHAT DO I DELIGHT IN?
- ♦ WHAT DO I FEAR?
- ♦ WHO AM I BECOMING?
- ♦ WHAT DO I LONG FOR?
- ♦ DO I MATTER?
- ♦ AM I LOVABLE?
- ♦ WHO KNOWS ME?
- ♦ WHY DOES EVERYTHING HAVE TO BE HARD?
- ♦ WHY AM I DISCONTENT?
- ♦ WHY AM I JUDGMENTAL?
- ♦ IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME?



He has made everything beautiful in its time.
He has also set **eternity in the human heart;**
yet no one can fathom what God has done
from beginning to end.

- ECCLESIASTES 3:11 ESV



Giving your life away,
like Jesus



Falling out of love with the world

Falling in love
with Jesus

Living life in union with Jesus




Falling out of love with the world

Giving your life away,
like Jesus

Cycles of Discipleship

Falling in love
with Jesus

Living life in union with Jesus



The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

- JOHN 1:35-37 ESV



THEY WERE LIVING IN A TIME & PLACE OF:

- ◆ Political Turmoil
- ◆ Economic Uncertainty
- ◆ Cultural Chaos
- ◆ Religious Disunity



“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- MATTHEW 5:3 NIV



Eugene Peterson

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction


“A person has to be thoroughly disgusted with the way things are to find the motivation to set out on the Christian way. As long as we think the next election might eliminate crime and establish justice, or another scientific breakthrough might save the environment, or another pay raise might push us over the edge of anxiety into a life of tranquillity, we are not likely to risk the arduous uncertainties of the life of faith.

A person has to get fed up with the ways of the world before he, before she, acquires an appetite for the world of grace.”



“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- MATTHEW 5:3 NIV



The next day John was there again with two of his disciples.³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹ “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”


So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

- JOHN 1:35-39 NIV



“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- MATTHEW 5:3 NIV



Jesus

♦ **He invites us to come and see. He is accessible.**

He gives us new identities and speaks destiny over us.

He invites us into His Life and Work.

He knows and satisfies our deepest desires.


The next day John was there again with two of his disciples.³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, **“What do you want?”**

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹ **“Come,”** he replied, **“and you will see.”**

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

- JOHN 1:35-39 NIV



Jesus

He invites us to come and see. He is accessible.

♦ **He gives us new identities and speaks destiny over us.**


He invites us into His Life and Work.

He knows and satisfies our deepest desires.

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

- JOHN 1:40-42 NIV



Jesus

He invites us to come and see. He is accessible.


He gives us new identities and speaks destiny over us.

◆ **He invites us into His Life and Work.**

He knows and satisfies our deepest desires.

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”⁴⁶ “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip.

- JOHN 1:43-46 NIV



Jesus

He invites us to come and see. He is accessible.


He gives us new identities and speaks destiny over us.

He invites us into His Life and Work.

◆ **He knows and satisfies our deepest desires.**


When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.” ⁴⁸ “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

- JOHN 1:43-46 NIV



For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

- HEBREWS 4:12-13 NIV



But because **Jesus lives forever**, he has a permanent priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because **he always lives to intercede for them.**

- HEBREWS 7:24-25 NIV



“Justification is tied to what Christ did in the past, intercession is what He is doing in the present...

His heart is as drawn to his people now as ever it was in His incarnate state. And the present manifestation of His heart for His people is His constant interceding on their behalf.”

- DANE ORTLUND, GENTLE AND LOWLY

Jesus didn't come to meet expectations,
but to **fulfill people's greatest longings.**

VESSELS ♦ MADE FOR THE KING ♦ JOHN 1:35-49



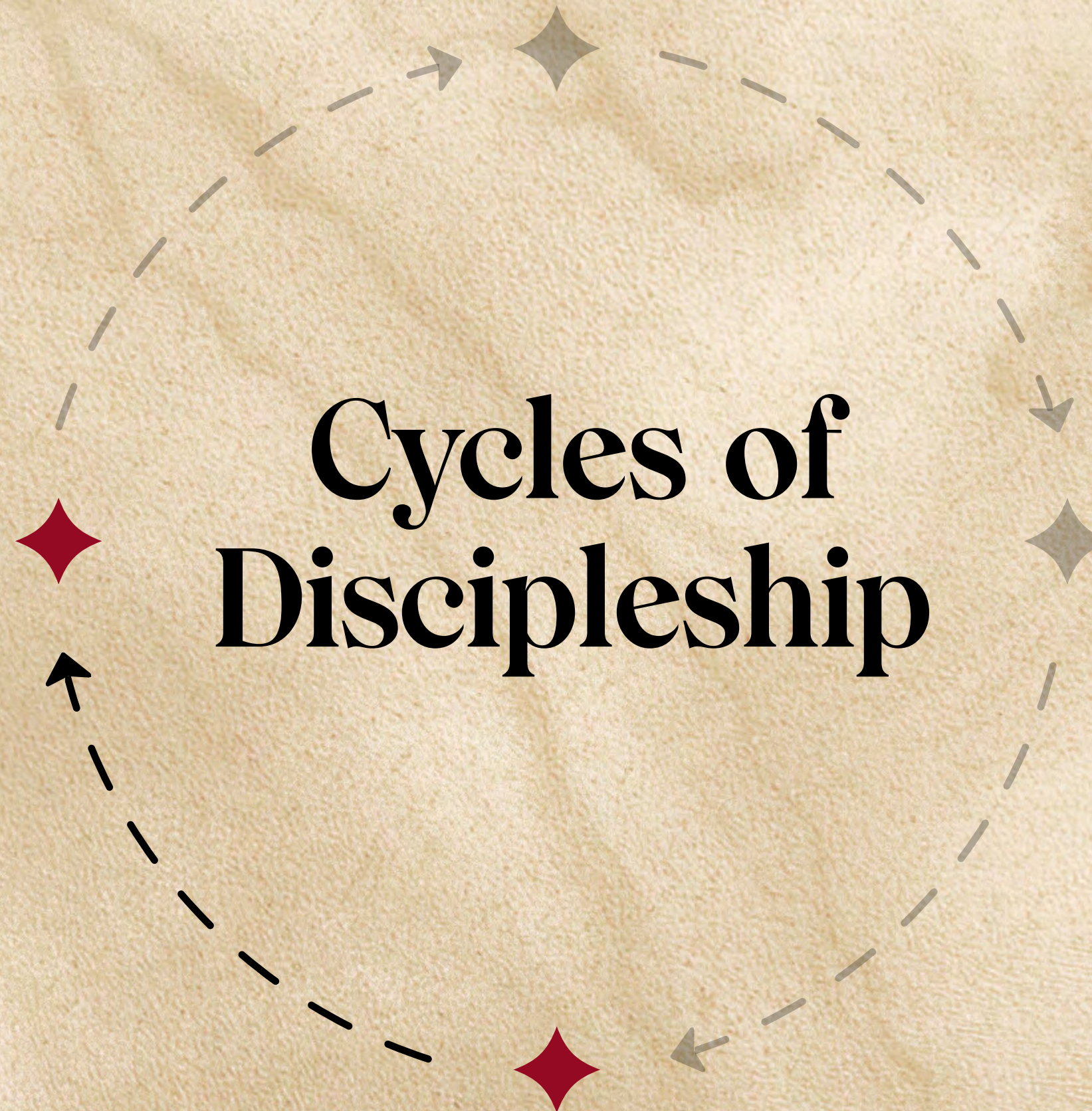


Jesus is **revealed** in John 1 as a King who...

- ◆ Invites us to come and see. He is accessible.
- ◆ Gives us new identities and speaks destiny over us.
- ◆ Invites us into His Life and Work.
- ◆ Knows and satisfies our deepest desires.



Giving your life away,
like Jesus




Falling out of love with the world

Cycles of Discipleship


Falling in love
with Jesus

Living life in union with Jesus



Living life in union with Jesus


God has put eternity into our hearts. We were made to live forever and thus we have a desperate longing for never-ending life with God.



Living life in union with Jesus

“To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God. It is what we need more than anything. It liberates us from pretense, humbles us out of our self-righteousness, and fortifies us for any difficulty life can throw at us.”

- TIM KELLER



Living life in union with Jesus

“We experience the life-giving power of the Spirit who unites us to the crucified and risen Savior as we learn to rest in the deep love of the Father.”

- KELLY KAPIC



Giving your life away,
like Jesus



Falling out of love with the world

Falling in love
with Jesus

Living life in union with Jesus



Giving your life away like Jesus

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to **offer** your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship

- ROMANS 12:1-2 NIV

