

THAT YOU MAY **BELIEVE**

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Overcoming Hurdles To Faith – Vance Kelley – August 1, 2021 John 7:32-53 NLT

John 7:32-36

32 When the Pharisees heard that the crowds were whispering such things, they and the leading priests sent Temple guards to arrest Jesus. 33 But Jesus told them, “I will be with you only a little longer. Then I will return to the one who sent me. 34 You will search for me but not find me. And you cannot go where I am going.” 35 The Jewish leaders were puzzled by this statement. “Where is he planning to go?” they asked. “Is he thinking of leaving the country and going to the Jews in other lands? Maybe he will even teach the Greeks! 36 What does he mean when he says, ‘You will search for me but not find me,’ and ‘You cannot go where I am going?’” NLT

1. The Worst Message in the World

A. “You will search for me but not find me. And you cannot go where I am going.”

B. This is only the worst message if you do not _____.

John 7:37-39

37 On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, “Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! 38 Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.’” 39 (When he said “living water,” he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory.) NLT

2. The Greatest Message in the World

A. Jesus can quench the thirst of your _____.

B. What things are manifest in my own life when I am spiritually hungry and thirsty?

John 7:40-53

40 When the crowds heard him say this, some of them declared, “Surely this man is the Prophet we’ve been expecting.” 41 Others said, “He is the Messiah.” Still others said, “But he can’t be! Will the Messiah come from Galilee? 42 For the Scriptures clearly state that the Messiah will be born of the royal line of David, in Bethlehem, the village where King David was born.” 43 So the crowd was divided about him. 44 Some even wanted him arrested, but no one laid a hand on him. 45 When the Temple guards returned without having arrested Jesus, the leading priests and Pharisees demanded, “Why didn’t you bring him in?” 46 “We have never heard anyone speak like this!” the guards responded. 47 “Have you been led astray, too?” the Pharisees mocked. 48 “Is there a single one of us rulers or Pharisees who believes in him? 49 This foolish crowd follows him, but they are ignorant of the

law. God's curse is on them!" 50 Then Nicodemus, the leader who had met with Jesus earlier, spoke up. 51 "Is it legal to convict a man before he is given a hearing?" he asked. 52 They replied, "Are you from Galilee, too? Search the Scriptures and see for yourself—no prophet ever comes from Galilee!" 53 Then the meeting broke up, and everybody went home. NLT

3. Overcoming Hurdles to Faith

A. When faced with a hurdle, what are your options?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Psalm 105:1-5

1 Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done.
2 Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds. 3 Exult in his holy name; rejoice, you who worship the LORD. 4 Search for the LORD and for his strength; continually seek him.
5 Remember the wonders he has performed, his miracles, and the rulings he has given, NLT

B. If we do not take the next steps of _____ we will not know the whole _____
and our purpose of _____.

Final Challenge:

1. Is the worst message in the world, the worst message in the world for you?
2. Is the greatest message in the world, the greatest message in the world to you?
3. What hurdles are you currently facing?
4. Are you willing to take the next step of faith?

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