

# Every Man's Search?

## The Way of Peace

John 14: 12-26

### **Priestly blessing, ordered by God:**

*"May the Lord bless and keep you and keep you, May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, may the Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace". Numbers 6*

The trouble of plugging into the wrong sockets...

The Goal of Life is Peace – not the absence of conflict but the presence of God!

Persons/Places/Things – **Plugging into peace???**

Parents/Spouses/Friends, Houses/Trips/towns, Objects, Cars/Bikes/boats/Horses/Money/Fame, etc...

Answered by Jesus:

### **1<sup>st</sup> We know what the God-designed goals for life are:**

- To know where you are going in life Vs 1-3
- To know the way Vs 4-6
- To have God do Great Works from Heaven in your life Vs 12
- Connected to God / have power from God Vs 13
- Have it your way Vs 14
- Have God abiding with you Vs 16
- Having God's presence living in you Vs 17
- Having the Presence of God manifesting Himself regularly Vs 21
- Having God make His abode (home) in you Vs 23
- Be in the midst of constant declaration of God's Presence Daily Vs 26
- Living a life in Peace, which will take away all fear! Vs 27

## **How can I plug into the right source of Happiness even in the midst of the Storm?**

Harmonize my life with His will Vs 23

– Love Me enough to keep My sayings

– Love Me enough to want to glorify My Father Vs 13

### **How?**

BY ABIDING – If a man abide in Me (John 15: 7) and My word (rehma) abide in you – then you can ask

BY KNOWING – This is how My father is glorified (John 15: 8) that you bear much fruit

BY UNDERSTANDING – I want you to have joy/ I want you to be My friends

## **What are the issues that Life's Storms produce? Three things come out of wrong sources:**

1. Pearls
2. Failures that drive us to keep searching
3. Joy of being back home, in Harmony with the Creator

We thank God for the failures of the past because they have driven us to search for the right source of Peace.

The answer is the Relationship that Jesus offers, the re-established God/Man relationship, which takes us to the other side of the island... the side that peace is on.

Jesus is saying here that your search is over now. Now you can be in union with God, but you must love Me enough to obey, abide, value My presence... then you will find the purpose that you have been looking for, the presence of God that you have been missing and the power with God that everyone would want.

### **Testimonies???**

How? Reject anything in yesterday that drove us into despair and thank God for that failure because it has driven us to search for the missing Peace of God...

Make your source of life, daily experiences with God!