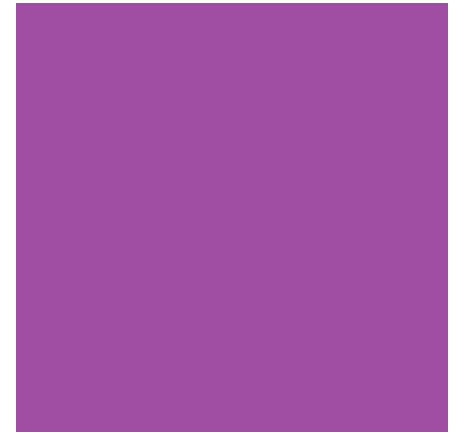
A paved path lined with trees and a hedge in autumn. The path is covered with fallen yellow and orange leaves. The trees have vibrant autumn foliage, and a dense green hedge runs along the right side of the path. The scene is bright and colorful, capturing the essence of the fall season.

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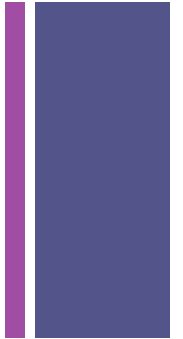
The Prayer of Christ for  
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John 17:6-26

# + John 17:6-18



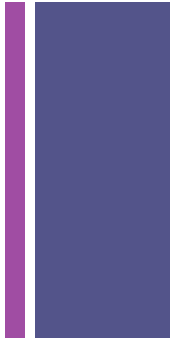
“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

## + John 17:6-18, continued



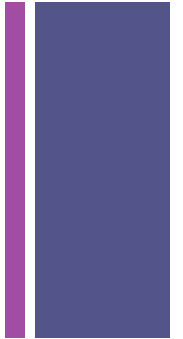
<sup>10</sup> All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. <sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

## + John 17:6-18



<sup>13</sup> “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

# + Prayers that Changed the World



- **Lord, I trust you with the details of my life. Bless me according to Your will and plan.**
- **Lord, my heart is hungry for You. Show me Your glory.**
- **Lord, contemporize my faith for today. I commit my life into Your hands for You to use now.**
- **Lord, make me holy through Your Word. Your Word is truth.”**

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- The demonstration of God's spiritual authority.
- The method of God for spiritual transformation.



# + The power of trusting the Word of God: Henrietta Mears

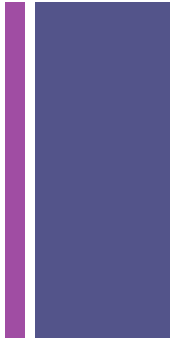
- She said to Billy Graham: “Just believe it, Billy. Just believe it.”
- Billy Graham wrote: “I doubt if any other woman outside my wife and mother has had such a marked influence on my life. She is certainly one of the greatest Christians I have ever known.”
- “She had faith in the integrity of the Scriptures and an understanding of Bible truth as well as modern scholarship.”





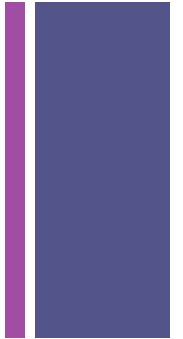
# + On the night of His betrayal Christ prayed for us: John 17

- He prayed for many things, and they are all interconnected in some way, but the center from which all the streams run is found in 17:17, that we be sanctified by His truth.
- All joy, all spiritual protection, all Christian unity, and all spiritual fruitfulness is derived from this truth – that God sanctifies us by His Spirit and His Word to make us fit to worship and serve Him.





# 1. Our Need: Truth in the Innermost Parts



“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world” (John 17:6).

“Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place” (Psalm 51:6).

“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68).

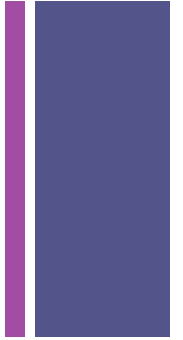
# + Our hearts as vessels: their nature is influenced by what they contain

“Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work” (2 Timothy 2:20-21).



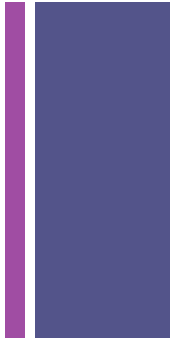


## 2. Our Master: He Has All Authority:



- 17:6: “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. **They were yours; you gave them to me** and they have obeyed your word.”
- 17:9-10: “I pray for them...for **those you have given me, for they are yours**. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine.”
- 17:16-18: “**They are not of the world** even as I am not of it... As you have sent me **into the world**, I have sent them into the world.”

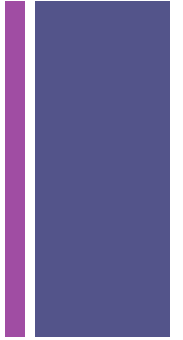
# + This means



- We are given by the Father to the Son and you cannot give what you do not own; We have already begun to show the fruits of this new ownership through obedience to His will.
- The Father did not disown us when He gave us to the Son, for what they own they own together.
- We are not of the world any more than He was of the world.
- We are called to His mission, not to our own mission.



## 3. His Method: His Word



*“Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth” ( John 17:17).*

*“For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing the soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 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).*

# + God's Word provides the perspective we need in life



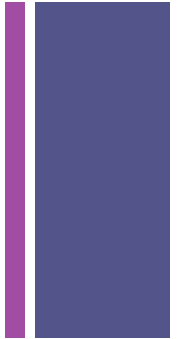
Rick Warren: “You have 3 choices when bad things happen to you: You can let it destroy you, you can let it define you, or you can let it develop you.”

*“Show me your ways, LORD,  
teach me your paths.*

*Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Savior,*

*and my hope is in you all day long.” Psalm 25:4-5*

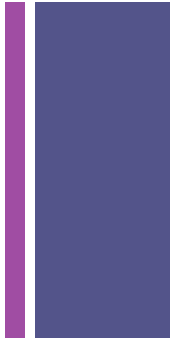
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# + Questions to ask ourselves?



- Do I recognize my spiritual need for God's truth to guide me in my thoughts and values and decisions?
- Do I recognize His authority over me in my daily life?
- Am I allowing God to use His method in my life to transform me into the mature person He desires me to be?
- Have I prayed: **“Lord, make me holy through Your word. Your word is truth.”**