

**A Journey with John | “Doing What Jesus is Doing” | Pastor Doug Brown |
Sunday, April 21, 2024**

Worship Leader David Stanley led everyone in worship to restore broken hearts and emotional worlds. We rejoice in the King of Healing.

Worship song #1: “*My Savior Lives*” sang “God will reign forever. I know my Redeemer lives and everyday I have a chance to say, Jesus, You’re the Only Way. My Savior lives, I stand on what He did. Jesus is the only Way!”

Worship song #2: “*Graves into Gardens*” sang “I searched the world but it couldn’t fill me. Then You came along and put me back together. There’s nothing better than You. You turn mourning to dancing, shame to glory, You’re the only One who can turn graves into gardens.”

Worship song #3: “*Speak the Name of Jesus*” sang “I just want to speak the Name of Jesus over hearts and minds. There’s Peace in Your Presence. I speak Jesus over every dark addiction. There’s hope and freedom in Jesus. Your Name has power, healing, and life. I speak the Name of Jesus over depression and dark shadows, over my family and from the mountains.”

Mike Escalera followed worship praying “there’s One Name that restores and redeems. You’re faithful to complete it. Holy Spirit reveal Jesus the King to us today. You’re the Healer, always and forever. Come Lord Jesus, we give You all the glory and praise.”

Mike shared about volunteering and serving in our upcoming *Skillz Camp*. See the video for the variety of experiences the young people have. Serving the Lord as a volunteer or one who imparts a skill allows for the Lord to minister His Love over each person. Sign up at the website.

Sydney Rinard shared announcements that included the May 4 Mother’s Day Brunch. Our guest speaker, Sue Boldt will encourage everyone. Whether you are a biological, spiritual Mom, or a daughter, all women are invited. Also, everyone is invited to the May 2 National Day of Prayer service at 7 pm. The service is for all ages. All PrimeTimers are invited to the May 15 seminar hosted by AgingNext, your community resource for aging adults and families who want to live independently at home.

Pastor Craig and Pastor Todd our church Finance Director shared an update on our church first quarter finance report. Pastor Craig shared about the importance and impact tithes and offerings have on a variety of church ministries and our community.

He also shared that he and his wife Christine are celebrating 34 years of marriage this week. Lastly, he announced our church Creative Director, Naomi Lin, is celebrating her birthday..

There are many components in today’s sermon. It is highly recommended to watch Pastor Doug’s sermon video for his detailed presentation. There are several slides that focus on God’s Word to spend time reading and meditating upon. As well, there are sermon segments that highlight the roles of Jesus and the Father, a powerful video from two life group leaders, and tools to engage with Jesus the Healer.

1. Pastor Doug opened today's sermon by inviting everyone who wants prayer from our *Inner Healing Prayer* team to sign up at the website. There's a Slide that details the resources of the ministry, sign up details, and the team's ministry goals.

Pastor Doug shared from *John 5:16-30* in our series *A Journey with John*. Today's sermon title is "**Doing What Jesus is Doing.**"

He opened with prayer "thanking the Lord that He is working, delivering, and ministering in our lives. May You bless each person as they join how You are working. Pastor Doug encouraged everyone to partner with the Lord as He moves on us."

Pastor Doug opened the sermon sharing Slides of this past winter's rainfall in Dubai, the most rain they have had since 1949. He reminded everyone that God uses fire and water as ways of moving in the world. The Lord sends the Holy Spirit with Jesus in today's sermon to change the world around Him.

In today's sermon verse 16, Pastor Doug points out that the Jewish leaders confronted Jesus for healing the lame man of 38 years on the Sabbath. They harassed Him, calling Jesus a Sabbath breaker.

Pastor Doug shared that the Jewish leaders criticized Jesus and represented the principle of being *listeners only* with God.

In contrast, Jesus was a *hearer and a doer*. *He created the Sabbath*. We are called to be *Doing What Jesus is Doing, to be hearers and doers...*

Jesus confronts, heals and demolishes the forces of darkness.

Pastor Doug shared that the *religious spirit* within the Jewish leaders has always been a challenge directed to God.

He shared that in the confrontation with Jesus, the Jewish leaders don't see God working. However, Jesus works whether we see it or not. ***Daily, Jesus is working...***

Pastor Doug reflectively noted that *just because we may not be aware of Him working, doesn't mean that He isn't working.*

Share an experience or testimony that is a hindsight experience that describes how Jesus was working in a life event experience you may have had. How did He work, what did He accomplish, and what impact did it have on those around you?

2. Pastor Doug shared a Slide that offered 5 interactive questions to activate and become more sensitive to *Doing What Jesus is Doing*.

1. **Lord Jesus, show me where You are *working* today.**

2. **Lord Jesus, how can I *please* You today?**

3. **Lord Jesus, how can I *serve* You today?**

4. **Lord Jesus, who are You *highlighting* today?**

5. **How can I *love* them like You do?**

Pastor Doug pointed to v 17 where Jesus teaches the Jewish leaders that He follows the model of *His Father*. Then in v 18 Jesus sees the reaction to His personal relationship with the Father within the circle of the leader's. They become greatly disturbed and upset that Jesus taught the Father and He were in relationship and saying *He was equal to the Father*.

Pastor Doug shared that in *Philippians 2* we can learn how to model our Christian lives on the attributes of our model Jesus. We can emulate Him 100% within our lifestyles.

Share which of the five questions are your go to goals for daily living. Which has the most impact on the quality of your day? Do you experience life differently when the question is activated for the day ahead?

3. Pastor Doug shared another attribute we can emulate in Jesus. In v 19 Jesus replies to the Jewish leaders that He only does what He sees the Father doing. In v 20 the Father shows Jesus to live in Love toward everyone and that He can be our role model.

To add context to this, Pastor Doug shared an example of a healthy father teaching his kids how to engage life skills using love and encouragement as a foundational tool. This example is in the sermon video.

Pastor Doug shared that the father's *hands* were important to him showing and expressing love to his kids. *When we put our hand in someone's life, the Father's Hand is Lovingly on ours to deliver transformation and life.*

Pastor Doug shared a video of **Life Group** Leader's Dan and Debra Scheller and how their *hands* were in the lives of others through the life group they lead which has brought transformation. They shared a powerful testimony of healing prayer over their granddaughter. This can be seen in the sermon video.

Pastor Doug also pointed to *John 14:12* where Jesus repeats what He teaches in *John 5:20-21*. *Jesus honors the Father*. In *John 5:22-23* we see *the impact of honoring* the Father from Jesus. This can be a powerful lifestyle when *the attribute of honor* is incorporated into our lives with others.

Share your experiences with how you honor others through acts of kindness or serving them.

4. Pastor Doug shared a Slide that highlighted *Jesus is equal to the Father in 3 ways* as found in vv 22-23.

1. He is equal in works. vv 17-21

2. He is equal in judgment. vv 22 & 27.

3. He is equal in honor. v 23.

Pastor John shared a book by **John Bevere** entitled **Honor's Reward**. This book's theme focuses on honoring people. Pastor Doug reflectively asked **do you honor people in your life?**

If not, why not? Who do you need to honor? In the sermon video Pastor Doug shares a powerful story of a person who pursues an honor principle at his job site and experiences the honoring process results. Spend time with this sermon segment to see how *honor and trusting God will change your life.*

Pastor Doug next shared vv 24-25 where Jesus continues to teach the Jewish leaders about His future role in the judgment times ahead. In vv 24-29 Pastor Doug supports understanding of the verses with a Slide entitled **The Threefold Resurrection.**

1. The Resurrection of the Redeemed today. vv 24-27

2. The Resurrection of the physically dead. vv 28-29b

3. The Resurrection of the condemned. v 29b

**Pastor Doug pointed out that Jesus lightens the weight of life we carry.
*In Christ the load is light.***

How would you share the concept of in Christ the load is light vs a lifestyle that doesn't include Him?

5. Pastor Doug shared a Slide that teaches what Jesus raising someone from the dead proves:

1. His Sonship to God. v 21

2. His right to judge. v 22, 27, 30

3. His right to offer eternal life. v 24

4. His right to preside over the Resurrection of the just. v 28

5. His right to preside over the Resurrection of the unjust. v 28

Verses 26-30 focus on proving Jesus' power. **Jesus' power fills vacancies in our lives.** Pastor Doug shared that something in life will fill the *vacancies* in our lives whether it's oppression, burdens, or darkness, if and when Jesus isn't in residence.

'*Squatters*' appear because of our vacancies. Pastor Doug asked:

Do you have squatters living in you because you have abandoned Jesus?

Squatters change behaviors when a lifestyle focuses on self.

Pastor Doug asked **who do you need to honor with verbal blessings?** *What habitual behaviors do you need to reverse and then invite Jesus into the place of honor?*

Pastor Doug prayed that everyone with worldly distractions within electronics or related habits invite Jesus into them to break and demolish them.

We invite You Jesus into our lives to do just that. Thank You for calling us out of our *jungle messes* to Your freedom and plan You have for our lives.

Thank You Jesus for teaching us *the importance of honor*, and activating honor by *Doing What You Are Doing....*