**JOHN 16:24-25**

**9-4-19**

**Intro –**

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**One Of The Things That Is A Common Trait In Children – Boys Especially – Is To Understand How Thing Work. There Is A Natural Tendency For A Child To Want To Open Up A Toy – A Clock – A Small Appliance – And Discover Its Inner Workings.**

**(*Technology Has Sadly Suppressed This Natural Tendency*)**

**We Are In A Section Of John 16 That Focuses Our Attention On The *Inner Workings* Of Salvation - Most Particular, The Relationship Of The Believer With God; And Christ’ Role As Mediator And Intercessor.**

**Tonight, Jesus Continues To Reveal To The Disciples The Details Of How It All Works.**

**1. V. 24a – What Does “Hitherto” (KJV) Mean? (*Until Now – Up To This Point*)**

**2. Jesus Is Not About To Scold/Rebuke The Disciples For Some Past Failure.**

**Rather, He Is About To Declare To Them That They Will Soon Do Something That They Have Never Been *Able* To Do, Nor Has Anyone Else Ever Been *Able* To Do! (*This Is A Moment Of Amazing Revelation*)**

**3. V. 24b – What Does Jesus Tell Them They Have Never Done Before?**

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They Have Never Prayed To The Father In His Name.

**4. Again, To Us, This Is A No-Brainer – No New Revelation To Us - That One Would Pray In Jesus’ Name. However, Can Someone Put Themselves In The Disciples Shoes, And Imagine What Might Have Been The Thoughts Running Through Their Mind, When Jesus Says This? (*Confusion, Disbelief, Etc.*)**

**5. What *Had* They Done, In His Name? (*Luke 10:3; Luke 10:9; Luke 10:17; Luke 19:30-32*)**

**6. With All These Things Being True, What Will They Now Do In Jesus’ Name? (*Petition The Father*)**

**8. This Is The Great Difference – The Difference That Sets Believers Apart From Unbelievers - *As Far As The East Is From The West*!!**

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Matthew 7:22-23
Many Will Say To Me In That Day, Lord, Lord, Have We Not Prophesied In Thy Name? And In Thy Name Have Cast Out Devils? And In Thy Name Done Many Wonderful Works?

And Then Will I Profess Unto Them, I Never Knew You: Depart From Me, Ye That Work Iniquity.

**9. V. 24c – Jesus Presents Them With What Will Be Their Duty And Responsibility In This New Relationship Between Him, Them, And The Father. What Is It? (*Ask*)**

**10. Our Flesh Resists All The Commands Of God – Even This Most Blessed One. What Are Some Of The Reasons We Don’t We Ask/Pray? (*Pride – Self-Will – Self-Reliance*)**

**11. V. 24d – Now, We Have Repeated, That Most Glorious Of Promises Jesus Declared To His Disciples. What Is It?**

**12. This Is Something Incredible To Think About…**

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There Is Nothing We Will Ever Need In Order To Obey God, To Serve God, Or To Carry Out God’s Will For Our Lives, Of Which He Will Not Provide!

**14. V. 24e – What Will Be The Result Of Our “Asking” And “Receiving?”**

**15. (Slide 6 - Photo)**

Obeying God, Serving God, And Doing God’s Will Is Not Supposed To Be A Burdensome Hardship, In Life!

**16. V. 25a – Jesus Tells That Disciples That Up To This Point, He Has Spoken To Them In “Proverbs” (Parables – Mysterious Sayings – Allegories – Figures Of Speech).**

**Think About All The Mysterious Phrases And Sayings He Has Used In This Upper Room Discourse…**

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* Mansions
* Vines
* Branches
* A Woman’s Travail

**17. These Are All Ways Jesus Sought To Communicate The Things Of Heaven To The Disciples.**

**However, This Communication Has Been Hindered By The Limitations Of Two Things:**

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The Limitations Of Human Language.

The Limitations Of The Natural Man To Understand Spiritual Realities.

**18. V. 25b – However, According To Jesus, What Will Be The Tremendous Change That Will Occur Shortly?**

**19. The *Pentecostal Flame* That Is To Come, Will Infuse Them With The Spirit Of Christ.**

**Through The Holy Spirit/Christ In Us, We Are Able To Know God – The Mind Of God – The Will Of God.**

**The Limits Of Human Communication, And The Interference Of Human Nature Will Be Overcome! (*Example Of Christian In A Coma*)**

**20. Nonetheless, Even This Is Not As Great As Our Understanding Of God, Will One Day Be.**

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1 Corinthians 13:12 (Nlt)
Now We See Things Imperfectly, Like Puzzling Reflections In A Mirror, But Then We Will See Everything With Perfect Clarity. All That I Know Now Is Partial And Incomplete, But Then I Will Know Everything Completely, Just As God Now Knows Me Completely.