





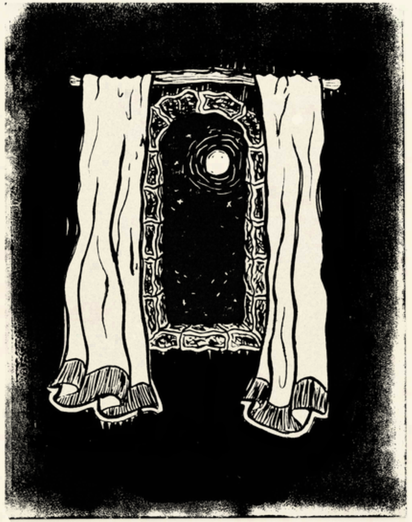


IN THE UPPER ROOM WITH JESUS



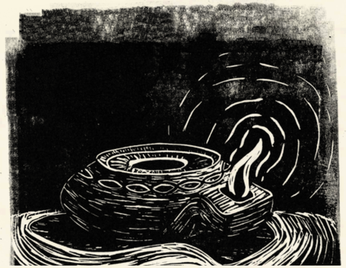




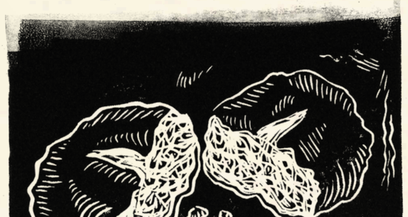


























VII

JESUS ENDURES

WEEK SEVEN • JOHN *15:18-25*





















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REVIEW

- **JESUS WASHES HIS DISCSIPLES' FEET**
  John 13:1-20 | Act of loving service
- **JESUS DISCLOSES A BETRAYER**
  John 13:21-38 | Love others regardless
- **JESUS IS THE WAY, TRUTH, AND LIFE**
  John 14:1-14 | Jesus is the answer
- **HOW? FOLLOW MY COMMANDMENTS**
  John 14:15-31 | Love like Jesus
- **THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES**
  John 15:1-17 | Grounded in Jesus

"Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

JOHN 13:35 NIV



ROMANS 12:9-13 NIV

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. [10] Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. [11] Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. [12] Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. [13] Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.



ROMANS 12:14-19 NIV

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. [15] Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. [16] Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

[17] Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. [18] If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.



Jesus' love is crazy!



JOHN 15:18-19 NIV

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. [19] If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you."



People fear what they don't understand.



JESUS' COUNTER-CULTURAL LOVE

- HEALED ON THE SABBATH
- ATE WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS
- TALKED WITH A SAMARITAN WOMAN
- FORGAVE A WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY
- WASHED DISCIPLES' FEET
- FORGAVE HIS ENEMIES, EVEN JUDAS

JOHN 15:20-21 NIV

"Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. [21] They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me."



Everyone desires to belong to a group.



AMERICAN CULTURE

- AMERICAN DREAM
- 2.5 KIDS AND WHITE PICKET FENCE
- SPORTS AND CELEBRITY IDOLS
- KEEP UP WITH THE JONESES
- OBSESSED WITH CHILDREN'S ACADEMICS & SPORTS
- MAKE AS MUCH MONEY AS POSSIBLE
- WORK HARD SO YOU CAN TAKE VACATIONS
- OVERCOMMITTED, BURNED OUT, AND EXHAUSTED

If we love like Jesus, we may not fit in.



1 PETER 3:15-17 NIV

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, [16] keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. [17] For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.



JOHN 15:22-25 NIV

“If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have no excuses for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father as well. If I had not done among them the works no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. As it is, they have seen, and yet they have hated both me and my father. But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: ‘They hated me without reason.’”



Where do you want to belong?



ROMANS 12:9-19

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SPIRITUAL FERVOR
SERVING THE LORD

JOYFUL IN HOPE
PATIENT IN AFFLICTION
FAITHFUL IN PRAYER
SHARE WITH THOSE IN NEED
PRACTICE HOSPITALITY
BLESS THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU
BLESS NOT CURSE
REJOICE WITH THOSE WHO REJOICE

MOURN WITH THOSE WHO MOURN
LIVE IN HARMONY
NOT PROUD
ASSOCIATE WITH EVERYONE
DO NOT BE CONCEITED
DO WHAT IS RIGHT
LIVE IN PEACE