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Devotion for February 21st, 2022

"The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the One who seeks the glory of Him who sent Him is true, and in Him there is no falsehood."

- John 7:18

Jesus is the One who was sent by the Father. Jesus seeks only the glory of His Father in heaven. There is no falsehood in God, the Father, so what Jesus shares with us is true because it comes from the Father for His glory. The Son speaks the truth from the Father and for the glory of His Father. Jesus' authority comes to Him from His Father.

All of what Jesus did here among us was to His Father's glory. All of His miracles show us that He is the Son of God to the glory of His Father. All of His teachings He gave us so that we may know the Father's will here on earth, again to the Father's glory.

He died on the cross for our sins so that we might have forgiveness and a renewed relationship with the Father, again to the Father's glory and His will. God loves us and sent His Son to save us from our sins and to give as the gift of eternal life through belief in His Son. All this is God the Father's will, because He loves you and me. He gave us grace and truth through His Son, Jesus.

We need to understand that unless a person is teaching and preaching to the Father's glory, they are doing it to their own glory. We see plenty of these type of preachers and teachers today. They put their own face on the front of Bibles and sell them for profit. They even put their own spin on Scripture to glorify themselves. They even purposely omit large sections of Scripture so that what they want to be true looks true, but is really false teaching.

Scripture is breathed out by God through His prophets and apostles, those called by the Father and the Son and led by the Holy Spirit to preach and teach the truth. Not to their glory, but to the will of God and to His glory.

We need to stick to the Bible and ensure that when we share it with another person, what we share is in the Bible and it was the intended meaning. It is the Word of God and as such it is what the Holy Spirit uses to work faith in those who hear.

So, it stands to reason that if we are going to share what the Bible says, we will need to know what the Bible says. This means it is important to routinely read and study the Bible. This way we can be prepared for the times when the Holy Spirit brings a person to us who needs to hear about God's grace and truth.

*In Christ,
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