

I AM—ARE YOU?

PREACHING NOTES • KJV

I AM LIFTING UP JESUS—ARE YOU?

MAIN THOUGHT: Lift up Jesus in His fullness—point people to His Spirit, His Word, and His life.

John 12:32–33 (KJV): *“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die.”*

Explain verse 33: “lifted up” first refers to His death on the cross. Begin with His sacrifice and resurrection.

Our application: make the crucified and risen Jesus known through our message and conduct.

ASK: When people encounter me, what are they learning about Jesus?

LET MY LIFE LIFT UP JESUS!

1 • JESUS IN ALL HIS FULLNESS

Colossians 2:9 (KJV): *“For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”*

I AM, BUT AM I? AND THEN I ASK, ARE YOU?

In Acts, the believers gathered, shared, prayed, and served together. We should work together as the body of Christ.

1 • TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Acts 2:42–47 (KJV): *“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”*

Acts 4:32 (KJV): *“And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.”*

Their unity became visible through their actions.

They continued in the teaching, prayed together, shared meals, met real needs, and praised God. The Lord added to the church.

“All things common” included sharing what they had so others were cared for.

DO YOU? DO I?

1 • OUR PART AT BOWFC**WHERE IS YOUR BODY OF BELIEVERS THAT YOU ARE WORKING WITH?**

And if BOWFC is your church body, do we work together in the gospel? Do we let Jesus grow in us, making His life known through all of us as one in Christ?

IN WHAT JESUS IS BUILDING AT BOWFC, I SEE HIS WORK:

1. Unity.
2. Being together.
3. Standing together as one in Christ.
4. Seeing the fruit of His work.
5. No one is greater or lesser in worth.
6. We are servants to each other, working in Christ.

Are we learning together, praying for one another, and helping when someone needs it?

I AM DOING MY PART—BUT AM I? AND THEN I ASK, ARE YOU?

ASK: THIS WEEK I ASKED MYSELF: What part of my life am I keeping from His correction?

I AM MAKING ROOM FOR HIS LORDSHIP—ARE YOU?**2 • WE ALL LAST WEEK HERE IN SPRING, TX, AND AROUND THE WORLD SAW JESUS MOVE IN ALL OF US, AND WE LEFT HEALD, PRAISING GOD, DANCING TO OUR CARS.**

John 16:13–14 (KJV): *“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”*

The Spirit of truth glorifies JESUS.

TEST • Let the disciples teach us

1. John 18:6–11: Peter drew his sword after Jesus spoke, and the arresting party fell backward. He cut off the ear of Malchus, the high priest’s servant. Jesus told Peter to put away his sword.
2. Matthew 16:16–23: Peter received a revelation of who Jesus was—then tried to correct Jesus about the cross.
3. Luke 9:54–56: James and John had witnessed His glory earlier in the chapter. Later, they wanted fire to destroy people who rejected Him. They asked permission; Jesus rebuked them.

Church, Peter needed to put down his sword. He needed to surrender his own plan for Jesus. James and John needed correction about the spirit behind their reaction.

2 • REMAIN TEACHABLE

Yesterday's experience with God does not replace today's obedience to God.

We must remain teachable too. Before I act in His name, I must ask:

Does this agree with His Word?

Does this reflect His Spirit?

Does this reveal His life?

I am asking Jesus to direct my response—are you?

Galatians 5:22–23 (KJV): *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”*

I AM YIELDING TO HIS SPIRIT—ARE YOU?

3 • RECEIVE AND OBEY HIS WORD

John 6:63 (KJV): *“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”*

“Quickeneth” means gives life.

Lift up what Jesus actually says. Open the Bible; read the passage in context.

James 1:22 (KJV): *“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”*

I AM PUTTING HIS WORD INTO PRACTICE—ARE YOU?

4 • LET HIS LIFE SHAPE YOURS/ EVEN AFTER 3 + YEARS, THE DISCIPLES DOUBTED JESUS; WE HAVE EVERY DAY WORK TO DO.

John 14:6 (KJV): *“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*

Jesus calls us to HIMSELF.

Galatians 2:20 (KJV): *“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”*

Paul still has a life to live—its center has changed. Christ lives in him; he lives by faith. I AM—ARE YOU?

TODAY: WE ARE BUILDING SOMETHING GREAT HERE—BOWFC IN CHRIST.

Notice the exhausted worker at your workplace, grieving neighbor, or teenager who needs someone to listen.

Give attention. Offer practical help. Ask to pray. Speak plainly about the mercy of Jesus.

Matthew 5:16 (KJV): *“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”*

Let the glory go to the Father.

Keep showing up after the first week. Walk with people through grief and difficulty.

TESTIMONY: “I have needed forgiveness. I still need God’s help. Jesus has met me with mercy.”

I AM LETTING HIS LIFE SHAPE MINE—ARE YOU?

CLOSING • Call for a personal response

His Spirit leads us. His Word teaches us. His life changes the way we live.

We speak clearly, pray faithfully, and love people. We cannot force belief.

1. The power to save belongs to the Lord.
2. The power to heal belongs to the Lord.
3. The power of the gifts comes from the Lord.
4. The power to unite us comes from the Lord.
5. The power of calling us together comes from the Lord.

LET US ALL LET JESUS USE US, AND GIVE THE GLORY TO THE LORD.

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Matthew 11:28–30 (KJV): *“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*

INVITE: Come to Jesus. Turn from sin. Bring Him your burden. Come for prayer and help taking your next step of faith and obedience.

PRAY