Week 168

Sunday, July 26, 2026

OCOEE RIDGE SUMMER CAMP SERIES #3- Joseph Gibbons

**Drayton read from Psalm 23 in both services today w/ Andy Blanks

***SSA-168

***BOARD-168

Last time: *COLOSSIANS 1:15 -17*

1. Jesus is God v.15
2. Jesus is Creator v.16
3. Jesus is Eternal v.17

3. TUESDAY 6/2/26 pm :

" *We are not alone as a church"*

... THE PROBLEM w/ PRIORITIES

SESSION 3: NEVER ALONE AS THE CHURCH

Colossians 1:18

Leader Recap

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Jesus isn't simply a priority in our lives. He is the authority over our lives. He is Lord, and He calls His church to advance His kingdom.

Yall may have heard us touch on this in the prior weeks. Joseph asked how many of us made lists. He then asked where spending time with Jesus was on that lost and asked us to be honest. Then he said, "Jesus shouldn't be on a list, Jesus IS THE

LIST. He doesn't make the list He IS THE LIST. He's the authority… Over EVERYTHING!!

Discuss Camp moments with the kids and their responses??

COLOSSIANS 1:18

18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

4. JESUS is the HEAD of the BODY (of the church) v. 18

ESV Scripture Breakdown - Colossians 1:18 -

Col. 1:18 - he is the head of the body - Paul spoke elsewhere of the church as the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27), but he takes the **image** a step further here and envisions **Christ as the head of the body** (see also Eph. 1:22–23; 5:25). **This metaphor conveys Christ's leadership over the body** and may also suggest his role in providing sustenance for it (see notes on 1 Cor. 11:3; Col. 2:10; 2:19).

John MacArthur Scripture Breakdown

Col. 1:18 - head of the body - Cf. 2:19. **Paul uses the human body as a metaphor for the church, of which Christ serves as the "head." Just as a body is controlled from the brain, so Christ controls every part of the church and gives it life and direction**. Cf. Eph. 4:15; 5:23. For a detailed discussion of the church as a body, *see notes on 1 Cor. 12:4–27*. - the beginning - This refers to both source and preeminence. The church had its origins in the Lord Jesus (Eph. 1:4), and he gave life to the church through his sacrificial death and resurrection to become its Sovereign. - the firstborn from the dead - *See note on Col. 1:15*. **Jesus was the first chronologically to be resurrected, never to die again.** Of all who have been or ever will be raised from the dead, and that includes all men (John 5:28–29), **Christ is supreme** (*see notes on Col. 1:15; Phil. 2:8–11*).

B"The PROBLEM w/ PRIORITIES" We are not alone

5. JESUS is the HEAD of the BODY (of the church) v. 18B

1. Jesus Is My Authority B

BThe Church is called together by King Jesus to advance HIS kingdom.

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Be thinking:

1. If you had to list your top 5 priorities right now, what would they be?
Do this..put them on the board
2. Do you feel like your time and energy actually reflect those priorities?

Jesus is an intentional designer. He is God, Creator, and Eternal.
Remember last time we said we are His CREATURES.
He is the IMAGE of the invisible God and He is the HEAD of the body, the church…that He might be preeminent = (having supreme rank, dignity or importance). Preeminent means supreme. Above all. Without rival. Holding first place in every area.

We all say we have top priorities in our lives. How many of us say our top priority is Jesus but by the end of the day or week He is really getting our leftovers?
Let's just bring this to light right now… what we prioritize is what's important to us. Period.
It happens to us as parents, as spouses…We say, "they are number one".... But are they really??
Show me where you spend your time, I'll show you what's important to you. (we aren't talking about seasons).

I say my family is my priority.
I say church is my priority.
I say Jesus is my priority...

"But if someone looked at my calendar...would they agree?"

Jesus isn't item #1. He's over the whole structure. Every relationship. Every decision. Every dollar. Every ambition. Every conversation. Everything. That's preeminence.

If Jesus is merely my priority, then He's one category in my life.

If Jesus is preeminent, then He has authority over every category of my life. Preeminence means Jesus doesn't simply occupy first place in my life—He occupies the highest place over every part of my life.
That's why B He isn't merely my priority; He is my authority.

Where is JESUS NOT OUR AUTHORITY? …Is He Preeminent in our lives? In what area of your life is it hardest to let Jesus be SUPREME AUTHORITY?

sometimes it may just be that we don't even realize we have taken control (time in prayer Lord search my heart, show me, reveal to me)

PAUSE

He is the head of the body…the church Col. 1:18

2. The Church Is God's Mission to Advance His Kingdom

ECCLESIOLOGY = The study of the church

ECCLESIA = a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into a public place- an assembly.

ECC = OUT OF

ECCLESIA is what Paul called the Church.

- Jesus CALLED HIS PEOPLE

ECLEO = TO CALL

As the church, we are a called out people - Not a building. Not an event. But a called out people on mission.

The reason we have Sunday School or Small Groups- the reason our kids have D Group is bc

. . . it was HIS IDEA . . . TO REACH THE WORLD!! Church is Jesus' idea to reach the world. He made us for this purpose.

It's not that we don't have enough churches (buildings)

We don't have enough people living on mission.

A church (the body of Christ) fails to be a church if it forgets its mission.

The church isn't God's backup plan. The church IS God's plan.

The CHURCH is called together by

KING JESUS to

ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM!!

We are the church of TODAY. We are the generation that God has raised up to take His message to the ends of the earth. That's US! That's the BODY OF CHRIST! How do we live in light of this truth? God places ordinary people exactly where He wants them. He knew where we'd be right here where we are, this isn't a surprise to him. *FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS!* Here I am Jesus - use me where I am..

Oswald Chamber quote, ***"Never allow this thought—'I am of no use where I am,' because you certainly can be of no use where you are not!"*** [1]

Faithbot : For a time such as this:

in Esther 4:14, when it says for a time such as this, is it applicable to today's world
That's an excellent question, and Esther 4:14 is one of the most powerful verses in Scripture for understanding God's providence and purpose for His people.

Is the phrase FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS from the OT book of Esther applicable to today's world? Esther had a choice: stay silent to protect herself, or courageously obey God and risk everything for His people. She chose obedience, and God used her to save an entire nation. So yes—every Christian can ask themselves: *Why has God placed me here, in this generation, in this city, in this job, with these gifts?* The answer is the same as it was for Esther: for such a time as this.

The verse reads: *"For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"* (Esther 4:14, ESV)

Yes, this principle is absolutely applicable to our world today. Here's why:

1. It reveals God's sovereign providence. Though the book of Esther never mentions God by name, His hand is woven throughout every detail. **Mordecai's words to Esther remind us that God places people in specific positions, at specific moments, for specific purposes. The same God who orchestrated Esther's rise to queenship "for such a time as this" is still sovereignly positioning His people today—in your workplace, your neighborhood, your family, your nation—for His purposes. As Scripture says, "*The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps*" (Proverbs 16:9, ESV).**

2. It calls believers to courage and action. Esther faced a life-or-death choice: remain silent and safe, or risk everything to speak up for God's people. Christians today face similar moments—not always with literal gallows, but with real opportunities to stand for truth, share the gospel, and defend the vulnerable. **The question "Who knows whether you have not come to your position for such a time as this?" challenges every believer to recognize that their current circumstances are not accidental. God has placed you where you are, with the relationships and resources you have, for a reason.**

3. It reminds us that God's purposes will not be thwarted.

Mordecai's confidence—"relief and deliverance will rise from another place"—shows that God's redemptive plan does not depend on any single person. But what a privilege it is to be used by Him! This should both humble us and motivate us to step forward in faith.

4. It points to the ultimate "such a time as this." The book of Esther is part of the larger biblical story of God preserving His people, which ultimately leads to the coming of Jesus Christ—the true Deliverer who came at exactly the right time. *"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son"* (Galatians 4:4, ESV). Every believer now lives in the age between Christ's first coming and His return, and we are called to be faithful stewards of this time.

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He did the same thing with the Apostle Peter:

Matthew 16:18-19 - **18** And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock[a] I will build my church, and the gates of hell[b] shall not prevail against it. **19** I will

give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed[c] in heaven."

The disciples were these kids ages, 15-17- and Jesus is telling them WITH YOUR GENERATION I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. We don't have to wait until we are old and wise to be the church. We can be the church of Jesus TODAY.

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… Not just seniors plus

So if God has placed YOU in your family…your workplace…your school…your neighborhood…

He did it intentionally. The church is a called-out people sent into the world. None of us is where we are by accident. God has placed us here—for such a time as this—to advance His kingdom.

Where has God placed you "for such a time as this?"

What opportunities might God already be giving you?

PAUSE

3. Our Response: Go

Do we feel hesitant to obey the Lord? Has anyone experienced a time when the Lord asked you to do something that felt completely out of left field? Scary? We are not alone:

[The Story of Annanais (the second ananias)](#) - Got Questions.org
As Matt and I were reading through this, we thought about the story of Ananias and Saul. Sproul had some good points in a sermon he found..

CHATGPT SUM UP OF SPROUL below: In Acts 9, Ananias responds to God's call with, "Here I am," the same posture of readiness seen in many biblical prophets. But when God tells him to go to Saul, Ananias hesitates. He reminds Jesus of Saul's violent persecution of Christians, essentially questioning God's plan.

> Sproul notes that Ananias is not alone. Throughout Scripture, people like Moses, Jeremiah, and Jonah resisted God's calling, believing they had a better plan. We often do the same, AND WE ARE NOT ALONE in this, prioritizing our own fears, comfort, and agendas over God's will.
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> Jesus doesn't debate with Ananias. He simply says, "Go," because Saul is His "chosen instrument." Long before Saul's conversion, God had already appointed him for a specific purpose: to proclaim Christ before the Gentiles, kings, and the people of Israel. **Saul was chosen not primarily for his own benefit, but to accomplish God's mission.**

Main points:

- Ananias initially responds with willingness but quickly hesitates.
- Like many biblical figures—and like us—he questions God's plan.
- God doesn't need our advice; He already knows His purposes.

- Saul was God's chosen instrument, appointed to carry the gospel to the nations.

Listen carefully to what the Lord said: **“GO!!!! For he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.”**

He is using the church to
ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM!!

God doesn't need perfect people.

He needs surrendered people.

Ananias says: “Here I am!”

God says: "Go."

Ananias says: "But..."

Sound familiar?

RC Sproul- Ananias’ Call

Sproul is in Acts 9:10 “Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, ‘Ananias.’” Ananias responded with the words, “Here I am.” This is typical of the response of human beings as we read throughout sacred Scripture, such as when God called people like Jeremiah, Isaiah, Ezekiel, or Amos. When the call came, the prophets immediately answered, “Here I am.” In other words: “I am all ears. I am at attention. I’m ready to hear whatever You have to say.” Ananias was no different.

The instructions from the Lord came as follows: “Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight.” Jesus gave these instructions and told Ananias where to go and what to do.
You would think that the next verse would say, “And Ananias arose and went to the street called Straight, and entered into the home of Judas, and there he met the Apostle Paul.” But that is not what happened.

After receiving his instructions, Ananias said: “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.” **It was as if Ananias were saying:** “Lord, are You sure You know what You’re doing? I know who this man is that You’re talking about. The entire community of Christians has heard what he did to the believers in Jerusalem, how much harm and violence he brought upon them, and he is determined with letters of authority from the high priest to put anyone who calls upon You in chains. Surely, You don’t want me to go there.”

There are shades of the prophet Jonah in this account. Often in the Scriptures when God calls somebody to do something, they presume to instruct the Almighty of a better plan. Moses was like that as well: “You don’t expect me to be the one who goes and speaks to Pharaoh, do You? I’m not good at speaking.” Jeremiah said: “You have the wrong Jeremiah. I’m too young to preach Your Word.” But it is not just these persons from sacred Scripture who have had the audacity to suggest that God was making a mistake when He gave them a vocation. We are the same way. We argue with God. We debate with God. We resist the teaching of His Word, day and night, and think we have a better plan.
WE PRIORITIZE OTHER THINGS!

During his instructions, Ananias reminded Jesus of the plight of the saints in Jerusalem. Jesus didn’t respond: “Thank you, Ananias. Since My ascension, I’ve lost touch of what is really going on in Jerusalem. I appreciate very much the information I’m getting.” No, Jesus answered quickly and said: “Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name’s sake.”

Jesus was saying to Ananias about Saul, “He is My chosen instrument.” The word there is translated “vessel,” “instrument,” “implement,” or “tool.” It is as if the Lord were saying: “From the foundation of the world, long before you have ever heard of Saul, I elected him. I chose him for a purpose and a task. I wanted him to be an instrument in My hands. **I did not elect him for his own sake; I elected him for My sake.** I elected him for the task I wanted him to do. **I wanted him to be a tool for my purpose.**”

For what purpose was Saul elected by Christ from all eternity to be a chosen vessel? Listen carefully to what the Lord said: **“He is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.” He is using the church to ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM!!**

Ananias was ready, but hesitant, and ultimately faithfully obeyed the Lord. Paul was a persecutor and murderer of Christians. Peter was a loudmouth who denied Jesus 3 times. And God chose them, set them apart, called them out, to advance his kingdom.
I will take the LEAST OF THESE, and use you, wherever I have you I will use you to advance my kingdom if you will surrender and GO.

Jesus used

- Peter
- Paul
- Ananias

ordinary people to build His church. Jesus is Lord....He calls a people. Those people are the church.

The church has a mission. And every one of us has been placed exactly where we are for this moment.

The question isn't whether Jesus has called us. The question is whether we'll respond like Ananias did in the end:

"Here I am...I'll go."

WHAT CAN I DO TODAY TO LIVE "CALLED OUT", "SENT" TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM FOR HIS PREEMINENCE????

Is there something God has been asking you to do that you've been resisting?

What fear tends to keep you from obedience?

What would it look like to live as someone who is "called out" this week?

We may not be Moses or Peter… but…Do we not all fall short, hesitate, get tripped up by the same things- sometimes little things- over and over again? What would it look like to surrender those areas to His authority? What if we were to make the call before the play???? Here is what I am not going to do in that situation? What am I absolutely going to do in that situation???

PAUSE

END

WE DID NOT GET TO: Smith- I think sometimes we feel like we are on the Defense especially with all the noise around us and the enemy creating chaos!! BUT- We are not on DEFENSE WE ARE ON OFFENSE!!

As the church we often don't know what the play is. We don't make the call before the play.

Story : mention **ADD MYLES' NOTES** and what he teaches in Son to Fathers:

Make the call before the play and basically that's saying before you get in the situations that are gonna attempt you we know we're gonna walk into temptation. We know we're gonna be tempted. We know we're gonna have moments in life that are unavoidable where the play happens so to speak and we have to make the call before the place so that means we've gotta have boundaries. We've gotta have guidelines like I tell our young men all the time if you know you lose self-control past 10 o'clock at night. You don't need to put yourself in situations past 10 o'clock apart from accountability. If you know you don't have a lot of self-control you never need to be in a place with a female in an unaccounted for space if you know it's gonna lead you in the scent if you know that drinking is a problem you don't need to go to parties where there's a ton of alcohol. If you do go to the party, you need to have made the call before the play to not drink that night so you're going in knowing I'm not grabbing a beer. I'm not grabbing a. Drink and so in every scenario life, we could go through this, but if we make the call before the play, we prepare ourselves to step in a hard situations and hard moments with already the preparation done in our hearts to make the call before the play happens

When we are sent on Sundays it should be with confidence bc

WE KNOW THE PLAY!!!

The church is God's plan to reach the world!

"GOD HAS A CHURCH FOR HIS MISSION, NOT A MISSION FOR HIS CHURCH."

- Christopher Wright

- Jesus is LORD over our ENTIRE LIFE - Colossians 1:18

And He is the HEAD of the BODY… v. 18 that in EVERYTHING He might be preeminent.

Jesus is NOT JUST MY PRIORITY… JESUS IS MY AUTHORITY!

He is the LORD of your life. He is the BOSS. He is in control. You won't be a part of His assignment unless you have submitted to His Lordship.

We must submit to His Lordship!

IF JESUS IS NOT LORD OF ALL IN MY LIFE THEN HE IS NOT LORD AT ALL IN MY LIFE… that's a toughy

Tozier says – "Either God is Lord of all or He is NOT LORD AT ALL." – Tozier

How do we reconcile If Jesus is not Lord of ALL in my life then He is not Lord at all in my life? Does this mean that I am not saved if I have trouble giving up areas of sin in my life?

It points to a biblical truth: you cannot compartmentalize Jesus. (back pocket)

You cannot receive Him as your Savior while rejecting His authority as Lord. Scripture makes clear that saving faith includes surrender to Christ's lordship:

FaithBot: *How do we reconcile If Jesus is not Lord of ALL in my life then*

He is not Lord at all in my life? Does this mean that I am not saved if I have trouble giving up areas of sin in my life?

This is a deeply important question, and it touches on the very heart of the Christian life—the relationship between salvation, lordship, and sanctification. Let me walk through this carefully and biblically.

The Statement Itself

The saying "If Jesus is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all" is a helpful maxim, but it **needs to be understood in the right context**. It points to a biblical truth: you cannot compartmentalize Jesus. (back pocket) **You cannot receive Him as your Savior while rejecting His authority as Lord. Scripture makes clear that saving faith includes surrender to Christ's lordship**:

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9, ESV)

Jesus Himself asked, "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?" (Luke 6:46, ESV). So genuinely calling Jesus "Lord" implies a life of obedience.

The Process: You Are Learning to Live Under His Lordship

This is where sanctification comes in. Even the Apostle Paul described an ongoing struggle with sin: Romans 7:19

If you are troubled by sin in your life, that very trouble is evidence that the Holy Spirit is at work in you. An unconverted person does not wrestle with their sin before God.

Here is the good news: Your salvation does not depend on how perfectly you submit to Christ's lordship, but on the perfect submission of Christ Himself on your behalf!!

But Here Is the Crucial Distinction

There is a difference between **the position of Christ's lordship** (which is true of every believer from the moment of salvation) and the **progressive outworking of that lordship** (which is the process of sanctification that takes a lifetime).

1. The Position: Christ Is Lord Over You

The moment you are born again, you are transferred from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's beloved Son (Colossians 1:13-14). **You are no longer your own; you were bought with a price** (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). **Christ's lordship over your life is a *fact*—not something you have to earn or achieve. It's a reality of the new covenant.**

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"For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing... Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 7:19, 24-25, ESV)

Paul was not doubting his salvation. He was describing the daily reality of the Christian life—a war between the flesh and the Spirit (Galatians 5:17).

So, Does Struggling with Sin Mean You Are Not Saved?

No. The key question is not whether you struggle,

but *HOW* you struggle.

- **The believer's struggle**: You hate your sin. You confess it. You repent of it. You are grieved by it. You are fighting against it, even when you fall. This is the evidence of the Holy Spirit at work in you (1 John 1:8–9; Hebrews 12:5–11).
- **The unbeliever's condition**: They make peace with their sin. They excuse it. They are not grieved by it. They do not confess it or fight it. There is no war—only accommodation.

The Apostle John makes this distinction clear:

"No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God." (1 John 3:9, ESV)

Notice the phrase: "makes a practice of sinning."

The Greek carries the idea of a lifestyle, a pattern of unrepentant, ongoing sin.

It does not mean a believer never sins—John already said "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves" (1 John 1:8). The difference is between a *struggle* with sin and a *settled* life of sin.

The Gospel Answer

If you are troubled by sin in your life, that very trouble is evidence that the Holy Spirit is at work in you. An unconverted person does not wrestle with their sin before God. The fact that you are concerned about this question shows a heart that wants to honor Christ.

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"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6, ESV)

Sanctification is a process. You will not fully and perfectly surrender every area of your life to Christ overnight. But if you are genuinely saved, you are now in a relationship with the living God where the Holy Spirit is progressively transforming

you into the image of Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18). **The answer to your struggle is not to doubt your salvation but to run to Christ, confess your sin, and ask for grace to grow in obedience.**

In Summary

- If you confess Jesus as Lord and trust in Him alone for salvation, you *are* saved.
- If you are at war with your sin—confessing it, hating it, and fighting it—that is the mark of a true believer.
- If you are struggling to give up certain areas of sin, that is the normal Christian life. Keep fighting. Keep confessing. Keep trusting Christ.
- The danger is not the struggle; **the danger is giving up the struggle and making peace with sin.**

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith." (Hebrews 12:1-2, ESV)

My whole life for you glory
I lift my hands up lay my whole life down before you..

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5. The message said: *"Jesus is not just our priority, He's our authority."* Why is it easier to treat Jesus like a priority instead of the authority??

6. The statement was: *"Because Jesus is my authority, _____ is my priority."*
Fill in that blank for your life right now. What needs to change this Week? ***(Maybe ask these at the beginning)***

SESSION 3: NEVER ALONE AS THE CHURCH

Colossians 1:18

Leader Recap

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Discussion Questions

1. If you had to list your top 5 priorities right now, what would they be? Do you feel like your time and energy actually reflect those priorities?

2. The message asked: *"Why do my top priorities often get my leftovers?"*
What are some things in your life that tend to get your "best" vs your "leftovers"?

3. Read Colossians 1:18. What does it mean that Jesus is the **head of the church** and **preeminent in everything**?

4. The message described the church (ekklesia) as a **called-out people on mission**. How does that change the way you think about church—not just as a place you go, but a mission you're part of?

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