



21 DAYS OF PRAYER

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DAY 16

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KEY SCRIPTURES

John 17:20-26

People have been searching deep into the universe, listening for a message for many years. In fact, almost 60 years ago in 1963 they build the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico at a cost of 9.3 million dollars. The purpose was to listen and observe the farthest possible distance into the universe attempting to hear if anyone or anything was out there trying to send us a message. Is something out there? And if there is, what are they trying to tell us? What is the message?

Spoiler alert! We could have saved them a tonne of money and resources by purchasing a Bible for them. The creator of this universe has come to this earth incarnate, fully human and fully God nearly 2,000 years ago to deliver us that message! This message was recorded from Jesus' prayer found in John 17:20-26 where he actually prays for those who will believe in Him in the future.

What is fascinating about this message is that it was sent to us and it originated even before the creation of this earth. Talk about going deep into space, when at that time, Jesus prayed for those who would someday believe in Him, He was referring to you and me.

What is the key to this message sent to us from the creator of the universe? Jesus talks about the importance for us to experience His glory so that we can be one, just like He is one with His Father in Heaven. One with Christ in us and one with each other, unity experienced like the trinity between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit built on His love for us.

We don't need all that costly technology to hear the message. God allows the message to live in our hearts to allow us to reflect His image to others.

REFLECTIONS

- ▶ Not only did Jesus ‘hand deliver’ this message in person, He paid the price for us to be able to experience it.
 - Take some time to think and reflect about the cost Christ paid for us.
- ▶ God’s relationship with His Son is based on love. Love motivated Christ to die for us.
 - Thank God for His unconditional love for you.
- ▶ What does complete unity look like for all believers?
 - Ask the Lord to search your heart to see if there is anything that needs to be dealt with in your relationship with another believer.
 - ◊ Forgiveness, difference of opinion, hardness of heart.
- ▶ Jesus knew that how others see us interact as believers would have a direct impact on their view of God.
 - Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anything that needs to be confessed and healed/restored for His glory.
 - Ask for God’s help to be aware of our actions and implications to others.
 - Invite the Holy Spirit to equip you with what is needed in each situation.
 - ◊ Love, patience, kindness, joy, peace, self-control.

PRAYER

Father God, thank you for sending us your Son, Jesus so that we may experience becoming a part of your family. Help us to love one another as you have loved us. Keep us unified in your Spirit that we may reflect to others the grace that we have received. Amen.
