

John 16 - To Keep You From Falling Away

I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away

Joh 16:1-33 ESV "**I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away.** 2 They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. 3 And they will do these things **because they have not known the Father, nor me.** 4 (a) But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

What Things?

- Joh 15:20 ESV Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.
- Joh 15:25-26 ESV But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: 'They hated me without a cause.' 26 "**But when the Helper comes**, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.
- **Falling Away - Skandalon - to be offended, or scandalized** - Mat 13:20-21 ESV As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21 **yet he has no root in himself**, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, **immediately he falls away**.

#1 - "I will send the **Helper**" - an advocate, helper, counselor, comforter - legal

4 (b) "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, **because I was with you**. 5 But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6 But because I have said these things to you, **sorrow has filled your heart**. 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: **it is to your advantage that I go away**, for if I do not go away, **the Helper** will not come to you. **But if I go, I will send him to you**.

- Act 4:29-31 ESV And now, Lord, **look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness**, 30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.
- Luk 12:11-12 ESV And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, 12 for **the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.**"
- **The stoning of Stephen** Act 7:54-55 ESV Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. 55 But **he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God**, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

#2 - The Helper reminds us of **eternal values - eternal consequences**

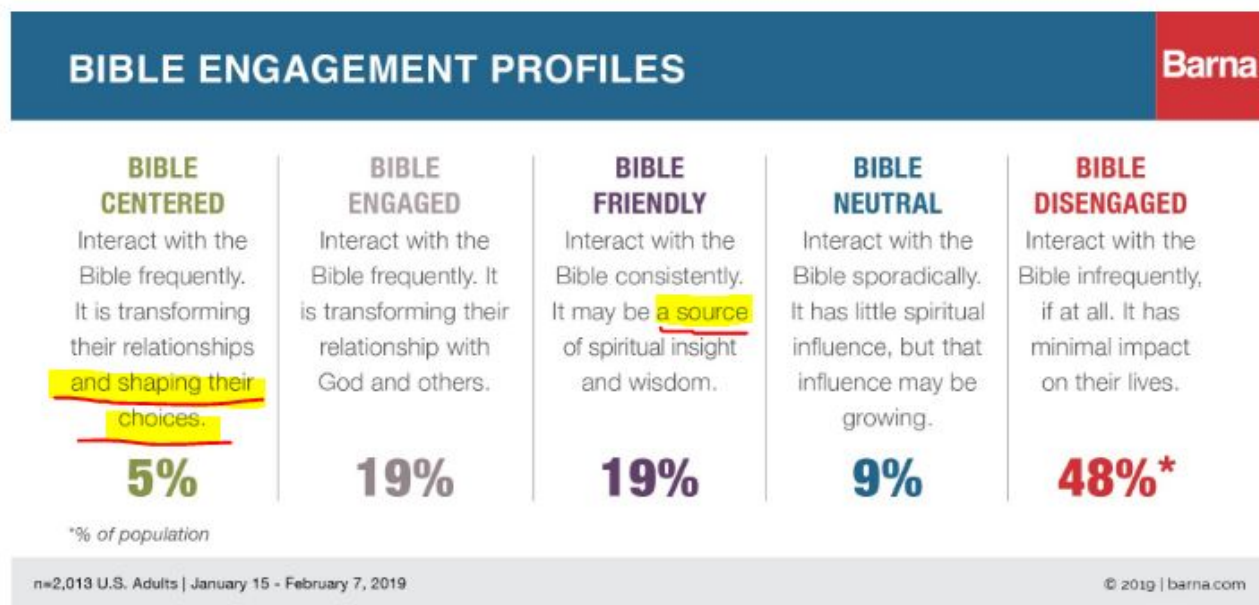
8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because **they do not believe in me**; 10 concerning righteousness, because **I go to the Father**, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because **the ruler of this world is judged**.

- **Convict** - same word is used - Matt 18 if your brother sins against you - **tell him his fault**
- John 6 - the prostitute - Jesus said whoever is without sin cast the first stone -- being **convicted by their own conscience** they all left
 - The Holy Spirit brings constant reminder of this - it is the message we preach - the death, burial and resurrection
 - It is a great reminder to us of the great salvation we have received - my **sins are forgiven, I am made righteous, I have escaped the wrath of God**,
 - The Holy Spirit convicts the world of this message

#3 - He (the Spirit of truth) will guide us into all truth

12 "I still have **many things to say to you**, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When *the Spirit of truth* comes, **he will guide you into all the truth**, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

- **SSOT - "single source of truth"** vital in the business world, more vital in life - one master record
- What is your TRUTH SOURCE - what or who do you turn to for the wisdom of life?
- The truth will set you free (John 8:31-32) --- My word is truth (John 17:17)



The other trend is that more than one-third of adults (35%) reports never using the Bible in 2019, a 10 percentage point increase since 2011 (25%).

#4 - The joy of the resurrection

16 "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." 17 So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" 18 So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." 19 Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? 20 Truly, truly, I say to you, you will **weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.** 21 When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. 22 So also you have sorrow now, but **I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.**

- A **guarantee of our resurrection** (sorrow not as those who have no hope) - same spirit
- The **resurrection was a catalyst** --- for the **power and boldness** of the proclamation

#5 Our prayers will be heard

23 In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, **whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.** 24 Until now **you have asked nothing in my name.** Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. 25 "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. 26 In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; 27 for **the Father himself loves you,** because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. 28 I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

#6 PEACE in a world of trouble - **take heart I have overcome the world**

29 His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! 30 Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." 31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? 32 Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. 33 **I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."**

SUMMARY - things he is telling us to keep us from falling away

- You have a helper...(not an "I'm the expert and he's my helper" kind of helper)
- Reminder that life has eternal consequences - sin, righteousness, judgement
- Guide us into truth
- Resurrection
- Advocate in prayer
- He has overcome the world

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I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace.