

INSPIRATIONAL MOMENTS #18

ARE YOU ON THE TEAM?

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SPECIAL READING: Mark 9:33-40; Matthew 7:21-23

SCRIPTURES: Luke 10:17-20; John 21st Chapter; Rev 21:27; Rev 20:15; Rev 17:8

Luke 10:20- *Not withstanding in this rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.*

John 6:3- *And Jesus went up on a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.*
Verse 70- *Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?"*

John 21:20- *Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following.....*

I'm thinking Jesus chose twelve disciples, and he loved John. There was one out of the twelve that he loved above the rest. He had one that was special to him, one that he allowed to rest on his bosom, one that he had a special connection with. One they say he loved, but remember, there were twelve. I believe that those twelve knew that John was Special. I believe those twelve knew that Jesus has a special love for John. But I believe those twelve had their eyes fixed on Jesus and because their eyes were on the Master they were just glad to be on the team.

The question comes, Are you on the Team? Or have you allowed jealousy, have you allowed envy, have you allowed the fact that you are not number one, have you allowed those things to make you feel you are not on the team? Have you allowed those things to come in and get your eyes off Jesus? I've come to remind you, as long as you keep your eyes on Jesus, it does not matter who's number one, because it's all in the hands of Jesus. (John 21:22) He will choose who he pleases, he will place on high who he pleases, he will place in that position who he pleases, you just need to keep your eyes on him and be glad you're on the team.

The Bible records when the disciples went out to heal the sick and cast out devils, they returned to Jesus (Luke 10: 17) saying, "Lord even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." Jesus in his reply, in essence, said be glad your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life, be glad that you're one of my children, be glad not of the things that you do, but be glad that I know who you are. Are you on the Team? Are you on the Team?

Don't allow the devil to come with his wicked ways of jealousy and strife and get in your mind so you take your eyes off Jesus. The bottom line is to be glad you're on the team. Be glad you're on the team.

PRAYER: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, It's only by your grace and mercy, Only by your mercy, help us to be what you want us to be. Open our minds and give us Understanding in the name of Jesus. Help us stand boldly doing what you want us to do. Lord have mercy on your servants. Give us the wisdom that we need to speak without Fear, to walk in the path you're forged before us. Lord help us see it's not what we do that counts, but rather it's being on the team, it's having our names written in the Book of Life, making sure we follow you all the way to Glory. Jesus hear the prayer of your Children. Amen. Amen

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