

LOSING SIGHT OF LIFE'S GOALS

John 17:1-11

In Steven Covey's best seller "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," he talks about losing sight of our main goals in life. In no other place are the consequences more destructive than in our families: Covey writes:

"I value my children. I love them, I want to help them. I value my role as their father. But I don't always see those values. I get caught up in the "thick of things." What matters most gets buried under layers of pressing problems, immediate concerns, and outward behaviors. I become reactive. And the way I interact with my children every day often bears little resemblance to the way I deeply feel about them."

For us Parents ...to truly be known by our children would be wonderful. And yet here in Jesus' prayer it is his first thought, that we might know the Father and the Son. This, he says, is salvation. You want to know what being saved means, what the meaning of life is? It is written here in Jesus' prayer: If you will come to know God, the only true God, and the Son whom he has sent, you will be saved.

You might say this is difficult for me to do--to know God. Yes, it is. It is difficult for you to do. But it is not difficult for God to make himself known to you. May we be open to the prayer that Jesus prays for us that we might be one with Christ and God the Parent. May we come to trust God in all things.

God bless,
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