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Psalm 145:3-4 NLT

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John 3:26-36 NLT

JOHN IS CLEAR; JESUS MUST _____ AND I MUST _____.

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¹ In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He existed in the beginning with God. ³ God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. ⁴ The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it. ⁶ God sent a man, John the Baptist, ⁷ to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. ⁸ John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. ⁹ The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.
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JESUS GIVES US VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH

⁵⁴ ... "Death is swallowed up in victory."⁵⁵ O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"⁵⁶ For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power.⁵⁷ But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:54b-57 NLT

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¹⁶ "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him."

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MADE RIGHT WITH GOD THROUGH JESUS

¹³ If it seems we are crazy, it is to bring glory to God. And if we are in our right minds, it is for your benefit.¹⁴ Either way, Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life.¹⁵ He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶ So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now!¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!¹⁸ And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.¹⁹ For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.²⁰ So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:13-21 NLT

JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY

⁶ Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

John 14:6 NLT

HOW DO I MAKE MUCH OF JESUS DAILY?

- Begin each day with _____.
- Memorize _____.
- Share Jesus with others.
- Take _____ captive.
 1. As soon as you wake up, prioritize God by giving thanks.
 2. Don't be passive with your thoughts. When negative, non-God honoring thoughts enter your mind quickly combat them with what the word of God says.
 3. Give God your day.
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Next Steps for me today...

- Surrender my life to Jesus for salvation.
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