



Christ Community Church  
Pursuing Jesus...Advancing His Kingdom

**“Connecting with the Father”**  
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**John 14:6- Jesus came to connect us with Father**

- Nothing will affect our lives more than our connection with the Father.
- To live separated from Him—the “orphan” life—can be summed up:

**“SPIRIT OF HEAVINESS” (Isaiah 61:3)- (Keheh) A dark cloud—dim, colorless and foggy—creeps in upon, to depress/weigh down, resulting in:**

- *Loss of sight*
- *Inability to discern*

**PROP- JESUS 1<sup>st</sup> sermon (Luke 4:14-21): “Let Me connect you with Father”**

**1. LET ME MINISTER TO YOU.**

**“Anointed”- to pour over & rub in (Deeply personal—not just powerful)**

**Jesus: “What is such a part of who I am—I want to work deeply into your life.”**

**“LET ME GET TO THE ROOTS OF WHAT TROUBLES YOU (minister deeply)”  
(i.e., Failure = worthless; Value = performance; Approval- short-lived)**

**(Psalm 77:2) Asaph’s warning: “DON’T REFUSE HIS MINISTRY”**

**When “my soul refused to be comforted”→**

- “Open wound that wouldn’t heal” (Message)
- “I didn’t believe a word (He said)” (Message)
- “My spirit grew faint”
- I couldn’t speak (words of praise)
- I doubted His love, promises and mercy

**NOTE: Refusing His ministry causes “WOUNDED” to become our I.D. To give it up involves a dramatic shift:**

- Giving up a significant source for attention
- Giving up excuses (for not sharing our life with others)

**Why Jesus asked: “Do you want to be well?” (John 5:6)**

**2. LET ME UPGRADE THE WAY YOU SEE THINGS**

**Luke 4:18-19- “PREACH”- to *announce AND BRING***

**“To the poor”—I will SUPPLY**

**“To the prisoners”—I set you free from the shame of your past**

**“To the blind”—I give you sight, clarity, wisdom, discernment**

**“To the oppressed”—no longer haunted or hindered by the bruising, battering, and betrayal; I break the abuse cycle!!!**

**“The acceptable year of the Lord”—He ACCEPTS you!!**

- Lost things are restored
- Debts are forgiven...free from every bondage

Jeremiah came out of the “orphan cloud of despair” (Lamentations 3:20-22):  
(v. 20) I was “downcast”- *to sink down into depression*  
(v. 21) So I “recalled”- *to return to the starting point—to GO HOME; Lit-  
“I go back to the place I was made for; where I belong” (John 14- “the place”)*

There “HOPE” is restored—joyful expectancy; confident anticipation  
HOW?

(v. 22) “Because of His GREAT LOVE I am not consumed” (*at the end;  
failed; wasted*)

“With the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah, that fateful dilemma is resolved. Those who enter into Christ’s being-here-for-us no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud. A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death.”  
(Romans 8:1-2 The Message)

### 3. LET ME UPGRADE THE WAY YOU SAY THINGS

I can help you “tame (your) tongue...the most unruly member” (James 3:8)

Isaiah 61:3-

“GARMENT”- to envelope; completely wrap in; consume with

“PRAISE”- (Halal)

- a. A clear impression—bold, brilliant, distinct, clear
- b. Resulting in a bold expression—to boast, rave about—to the point of being misinterpreted as foolish/mad

“Don’t, enemy, crow over me. I’m down, but I’m not out. I’m sitting in the dark right now, but God is my light... it’s not forever. He’s on my side and is going to get me out of this. He’ll turn on the lights and show me his ways. I’ll see the whole picture and how right he is!”  
(Micah 7:8-9 The Message)