



“The Discipleship Series, Part 12”

AN UPWARD GLANCE

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Scripture Readings: John 4:4-30

Main Point: God’s diving gaze sees us as He created us, more highly than we see ourselves.

Lesson Application: To be His disciples, we are encouraged act compassionately; challenged to strive for excellence and commissioned to testify of His goodness.

When God looks upon us, it’s an upward gaze of:

- A. Compassion
 - i. Goes beyond sympathy
 - 1. Rooted and grounded in the action of love that;
 - a. Encourages
 - b. Prays for others
 - c. Sees others differently
- B. Challenge.
 - i. To go higher
 - 1. Transcend the realm of average
 - 2. Invites us to allow Him to be our place of comfort
 - 3. Have higher vision/goals/imagination
- C. Commission
 - i. Tell of His;
 - 1. Love
 - 2. Protection
 - 3. Provision

Discussion Questions

1. During this challenging time, how can you take action and show compassion?
2. What question is God asking you that will change your behavior?
3. Will you accept His challenge in being all that He created you to be? What can that look like?