

Key References:

John 12:24-26 (NIV)

Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.
Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.
Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

Psalm 62:1-12 (NIV)

¹Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. ²Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

³ How long will you assault me? Would all of you throw me down—this leaning wall, this tottering fence? ⁴ Surely they intend to topple me from my lofty place; they take delight in lies. With their mouths they bless, but in their hearts they curse.

⁵ Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. ⁶ Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. ⁷ My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. ⁸ Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

⁹ Surely the lowborn are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie. If weighed on a balance, they are nothing; together they are only a breath. ¹⁰ Do not trust in extortion or put vain hope in stolen goods; though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

¹¹One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard: "Power belongs to you, God, ¹² and with you, Lord, is unfailing love"; and, "You reward everyone according to what they have done."

1 - INVITED TO RESSURECTION

JD said he <u>"celebrates the feeling of unworthiness"</u> in his ministry to us on Sunday. How does knowing our own unworthiness enable us to be used by God to minister to others?

JD also said, "We are constantly called to partake in resurrection." What do you think he meant? How does John 12:24-26 speak to that?

In connection with the John 12:24-26 JD said "<u>we have externalized</u> <u>transformation</u>. We worship the idea of transformation and applaud the <u>few who stand up and do something with their life</u>." Is Jesus speaking to us in this scripture or to a special few? How can we put ourselves in the text instead of remaining spectators?

"God is calling us to die to the small things that get in the way of becoming who we already are in His eyes." What do you think about this?

2 - IN AWE AND INTIMACY

On the spectrum between just being in awe of God or only enjoying intimacy with God where do you think you are?

What did JD say happens when we only stand in awe of God and His sovereignty, justice and power? [19m00s]

What about when we only concentrate on intimacy with God? [20m10s]

Is it possible to be both in awe and intimate with God? How?

3 - WHEN WE FEEL NEITHER

JD said; "We feel neither intimacy or awe when we've created a God we can control, and one we can keep at bay." Do you feel challenged by this? How can we come back to intimacy and awe?

4 - PSALM 62

Read Psalm 62. How do you see intimacy and awe woven together in this scripture? What else stands out to you in this Psalm?

What situations in your life most need you to stand in awe of God again? What about intimacy?