



LIVING WITH PURPOSE

COMMUNION WITH CHRIST

**What do you
desire?**



THERE ARE FIVE *CORE HUMAN DRIVES* THAT INFLUENCE HUMAN BEHAVIOR:

- *DRIVE TO ACQUIRE*: THE DESIRE TO COLLECT MATERIAL AND IMMATERIAL THINGS, LIKE A CAR, OR INFLUENCE.
- *DRIVE TO BOND*: THE DESIRE TO BE LOVED AND FEEL VALUED IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS.
- *DRIVE TO LEARN*: THE DESIRE TO SATISFY OUR CURIOSITY.
- *DRIVE TO DEFEND*: THE DESIRE TO PROTECT OURSELVES, OUR LOVED ONES AND OUR PROPERTY.
- *DRIVE TO FEEL*: THE DESIRE FOR EMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES LIKE PLEASURE OR EXCITEMENT.

The background of the slide is a light blue gradient that transitions from a pale blue at the top to a slightly darker blue at the bottom. Scattered throughout the background are several realistic-looking water bubbles of various sizes, some with highlights and shadows, giving the impression of water droplets or bubbles on a surface.

**JESUS ONLY EXPRESSED THE DESIRE FOR
TWO THINGS**

JESUS' TWO EXPRESSED DESIRES

- ^{ESV} **JOHN 17:23** I IN THEM AND YOU IN ME, THAT THEY MAY BECOME PERFECTLY ONE, SO THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW THAT YOU SENT ME AND LOVED THEM EVEN AS YOU LOVED ME. ²⁴ FATHER, I DESIRE THAT THEY ALSO, WHOM YOU HAVE GIVEN ME, MAY BE WITH ME WHERE I AM, TO SEE MY GLORY THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME BECAUSE YOU LOVED ME BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.
 - UNION WITH US
- ^{ESV} **LUKE 22:15** AND HE SAID TO THEM, "I HAVE EARNESTLY DESIRED TO EAT THIS PASSOVER WITH YOU BEFORE I SUFFER."
 - COMMUNION WITH US

JESUS' WILL IS FOR UNION

- ^{KJV} **JOHN 17:24** FATHER, I WILL THAT THEY ALSO, WHOM THOU HAST GIVEN ME, BE WITH ME WHERE I AM; THAT THEY MAY BEHOLD MY GLORY, WHICH THOU HAST GIVEN ME: FOR THOU LOVEDST ME BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.

JESUS' PASSION IS FOR COMMUNION

- ^{KJV} **LUKE 22:15** AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, WITH DESIRE I HAVE DESIRED TO EAT THIS PASSOVER WITH YOU BEFORE I SUFFER:
 - “WITH INTENSE PASSION I HAVE DESIRED”

HOW LONG HAS HE DESIRED THIS?

- ^{NIV} **EPHESIANS 1:4** FOR HE CHOSE US IN HIM BEFORE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD TO BE HOLY AND BLAMELESS IN HIS SIGHT. IN LOVE
- ^{NIV} **HEBREWS 9:25** NOR DID HE ENTER HEAVEN TO OFFER HIMSELF AGAIN AND AGAIN, THE WAY THE HIGH PRIEST ENTERS THE MOST HOLY PLACE EVERY YEAR WITH BLOOD THAT IS NOT HIS OWN. ²⁶ THEN CHRIST WOULD HAVE HAD TO SUFFER MANY TIMES SINCE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD. BUT NOW HE HAS APPEARED ONCE FOR ALL AT THE END OF THE AGES TO DO AWAY WITH SIN BY THE SACRIFICE OF HIMSELF.
- ^{NIV} **REVELATION 13:8** ALL INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH WILL WORSHIP THE BEAST-- ALL WHOSE NAMES HAVE NOT BEEN WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE BELONGING TO THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN FROM THE CREATION OF THE WORLD.

1. REMEMBRANCE

- ^{ESV} **LUKE 22:19** AND HE TOOK BREAD, AND WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS, HE BROKE IT AND GAVE IT TO THEM, SAYING, "THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."
 - ^{ESV} **1 CORINTHIANS 11:25** IN THE SAME WAY ALSO HE TOOK THE CUP, AFTER SUPPER, SAYING, "THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD. DO THIS, AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME." ²⁶ FOR AS OFTEN AS YOU EAT THIS BREAD AND DRINK THE CUP, YOU PROCLAIM THE LORD'S DEATH UNTIL HE COMES.
- IN THE LORD'S SUPPER WE REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE HIS SACRIFICE OF LOVE FOR US

THE SACRIFICIAL LOVE OF JESUS

- ^{NIV} **JOHN 15:13** GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS, THAT HE LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.
- ^{NIV} **ROMANS 5:6** YOU SEE, AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME, WHEN WE WERE STILL POWERLESS, CHRIST DIED FOR THE UNGODLY...⁸ BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE FOR US IN THIS: WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.
- ^{NIV} **EPHESIANS 5:2** AND LIVE A LIFE OF LOVE, JUST AS CHRIST LOVED US AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR US AS A FRAGRANT OFFERING AND SACRIFICE TO GOD.
- ^{NAS} **GALATIANS 2:20** "I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST; AND IT IS NO LONGER I WHO LIVE, BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME; AND THE *LIFE* WHICH I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD, WHO LOVED ME, AND DELIVERED HIMSELF UP FOR ME.

2. SALVATION

- ^{NIV} **LUKE 22:8** JESUS SENT PETER AND JOHN, SAYING, "GO AND MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR US TO EAT THE PASSOVER." ... ¹⁹ AND HE TOOK BREAD, GAVE THANKS AND BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO THEM, SAYING, "THIS IS MY BODY GIVEN FOR YOU; DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME." ²⁰ IN THE SAME WAY, AFTER THE SUPPER HE TOOK THE CUP, SAYING, "THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD, WHICH IS Poured OUT FOR YOU.
- ^{NIV} **1 CORINTHIANS 5:7** ...FOR CHRIST, OUR PASSOVER LAMB, HAS BEEN SACRIFICED.
- ^{NIV} **REVELATION 13:8** ...THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN FROM THE CREATION OF THE WORLD.

3. COMMUNION

- ^{NIV} **LUKE 22:19** AND HE TOOK BREAD, GAVE THANKS AND BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO THEM, SAYING, "THIS IS MY BODY GIVEN FOR YOU; DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME." ²⁰ IN THE SAME WAY, AFTER THE SUPPER HE TOOK THE CUP, SAYING, "THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD, WHICH IS Poured OUT FOR YOU.
- ^{ESV} **1 CORINTHIANS 10:16** THE CUP OF BLESSING THAT WE BLESS, IS IT NOT A PARTICIPATION IN THE BLOOD OF CHRIST? THE BREAD THAT WE BREAK, IS IT NOT A PARTICIPATION IN THE BODY OF CHRIST? ¹⁷ BECAUSE THERE IS ONE BREAD, WE WHO ARE MANY ARE ONE BODY, FOR WE ALL PARTAKE OF THE ONE BREAD.

- ^{ESV} **JOHN 6:48** I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE... ⁵¹ I AM THE LIVING BREAD THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN. IF ANYONE EATS OF THIS BREAD, HE WILL LIVE FOREVER. AND THE BREAD THAT I WILL GIVE FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD IS MY FLESH... ⁵³ ... JESUS SAID TO THEM, "TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS YOU EAT THE FLESH OF THE SON OF MAN AND DRINK HIS BLOOD, YOU HAVE NO LIFE IN YOU. ⁵⁴ WHOEVER FEEDS ON MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD HAS ETERNAL LIFE, AND I WILL RAISE HIM UP ON THE LAST DAY. ⁵⁵ FOR MY FLESH IS TRUE FOOD, AND MY BLOOD IS TRUE DRINK. ⁵⁶ WHOEVER FEEDS ON MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD ABIDES IN ME, AND I IN HIM. ⁵⁷ AS THE LIVING FATHER SENT ME, AND I LIVE BECAUSE OF THE FATHER, SO WHOEVER FEEDS ON ME, HE ALSO WILL LIVE BECAUSE OF ME. ⁵⁸ THIS IS THE BREAD THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, NOT LIKE THE BREAD THE FATHERS ATE AND DIED. WHOEVER FEEDS ON THIS BREAD WILL LIVE FOREVER."

➤ THE PASSION OF JESUS WAS FOR COMMUNION WITH US
BECAUSE HIS WILL WAS FOR UNION WITH US AND
COMMUNION IS A MEANS OF GRACE THAT GROWS US IN
OUR UNION WITH CHRIST

- UNION IS THE END
- COMMUNION IS A MEANS TO THE END
- ^{NAS} **2 PETER 1:4** FOR BY THESE HE HAS GRANTED TO US HIS PRECIOUS AND MAGNIFICENT PROMISES, IN ORDER THAT BY THEM YOU MIGHT BECOME PARTAKERS OF *THE* DIVINE NATURE ...
- ^{ESV} **1 PETER 5:1** SO I EXHORT THE ELDERS AMONG YOU, AS A FELLOW ELDER AND A WITNESS OF THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST, AS WELL AS A PARTAKER IN THE GLORY THAT IS GOING TO BE REVEALED:

4. FORETASTE OF ETERNITY

- ^{NAS} **REVELATION 19:6** AND I HEARD, AS IT WERE, THE VOICE OF A GREAT MULTITUDE AND AS THE SOUND OF MANY WATERS AND AS THE SOUND OF MIGHTY PEALS OF THUNDER, SAYING, "HALLELUJAH! FOR THE LORD OUR GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, REIGNS. ⁷ "LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD AND GIVE THE GLORY TO HIM, FOR THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB HAS COME AND HIS BRIDE HAS MADE HERSELF READY." ⁸ AND IT WAS GIVEN TO HER TO CLOTHE HERSELF IN FINE LINEN, BRIGHT AND CLEAN; FOR THE FINE LINEN IS THE RIGHTEOUS ACTS OF THE SAINTS. ⁹ AND HE SAID TO ME, "WRITE, 'BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE INVITED TO THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB.'" AND HE SAID TO ME, "THESE ARE TRUE WORDS OF GOD."

THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB

- ^{NAS} **ISAIAH 54:5** "FOR YOUR HUSBAND IS YOUR MAKER, WHOSE NAME IS THE LORD OF HOSTS; AND YOUR REDEEMER IS THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL, WHO IS CALLED THE GOD OF ALL THE EARTH.
- ^{ESV} **HOSEA 2:19** AND I WILL BETROTH YOU TO ME FOREVER. I WILL BETROTH YOU TO ME IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND IN JUSTICE, IN STEADFAST LOVE AND IN MERCY.
- ^{ESV} **SONG OF SOLOMON 2:4** HE BROUGHT ME TO THE BANQUETING HOUSE, AND HIS BANNER OVER ME WAS LOVE.

- ^{NAS} **EPHESIANS 5:25** HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIVES, JUST AS CHRIST ALSO LOVED THE CHURCH AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR HER.... ³² THIS MYSTERY IS GREAT; BUT I AM SPEAKING WITH REFERENCE TO CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.
- ^{NAS} **2 CORINTHIANS 11:2** FOR I AM JEALOUS FOR YOU WITH A GODLY JEALOUSY; FOR I BETROTHED YOU TO ONE HUSBAND, THAT TO CHRIST I MIGHT PRESENT YOU AS A PURE VIRGIN.
- ^{NAS} **REVELATION 21:2** AND I SAW THE HOLY CITY, NEW JERUSALEM, COMING DOWN OUT OF HEAVEN FROM GOD, MADE READY AS A BRIDE ADORNED FOR HER HUSBAND... ⁹ AND ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS ... CAME AND SPOKE WITH ME, SAYING, "COME HERE, I SHALL SHOW YOU THE BRIDE, THE WIFE OF THE LAMB."

THE MARRIAGE PROCESS

1. THE ELECT WERE BETROTHED TO CHRIST BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD
2. THE ELECT ARE ENGAGED TO CHRIST AT THE TIME OF SALVATION
3. THE ACTUAL WEDDING WILL OCCUR WHEN JESUS RETURNS AT WHICH POINT OUR UNION WITH HIM WILL BE COMPLETE
 - ^{ESV} **1 JOHN 3:2** BELOVED, WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN NOW, AND WHAT WE WILL BE HAS NOT YET APPEARED; BUT WE KNOW THAT WHEN HE APPEARS WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM, BECAUSE WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS.



CONCLUSIONS

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

1. IN THE LORD'S SUPPER WE REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE HIS SACRIFICE OF LOVE FOR US
2. IN THE LORD'S SUPPER WE REFLECT ON AND CELEBRATE OUR SALVATION
3. THE LORD'S SUPPER IS A MEANS OF GRACE THAT GROWS US IN OUR UNION WITH CHRIST
4. THE LORD'S SUPPER IS A FORETASTE OF THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

LAMB OF GLORY

- ^{NIV} **REVELATION 13:8** ...THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN FROM THE CREATION OF THE WORLD.
- ^{ESV} **REVELATION 19:7** LET US REJOICE AND EXULT AND GIVE HIM THE GLORY, FOR THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB HAS COME, AND HIS BRIDE HAS MADE HERSELF READY;
- ^{ESV} **REVELATION 21:23** AND THE CITY HAS NO NEED OF SUN OR MOON TO SHINE ON IT, FOR THE GLORY OF GOD GIVES IT LIGHT, AND ITS LAMP IS THE LAMB.