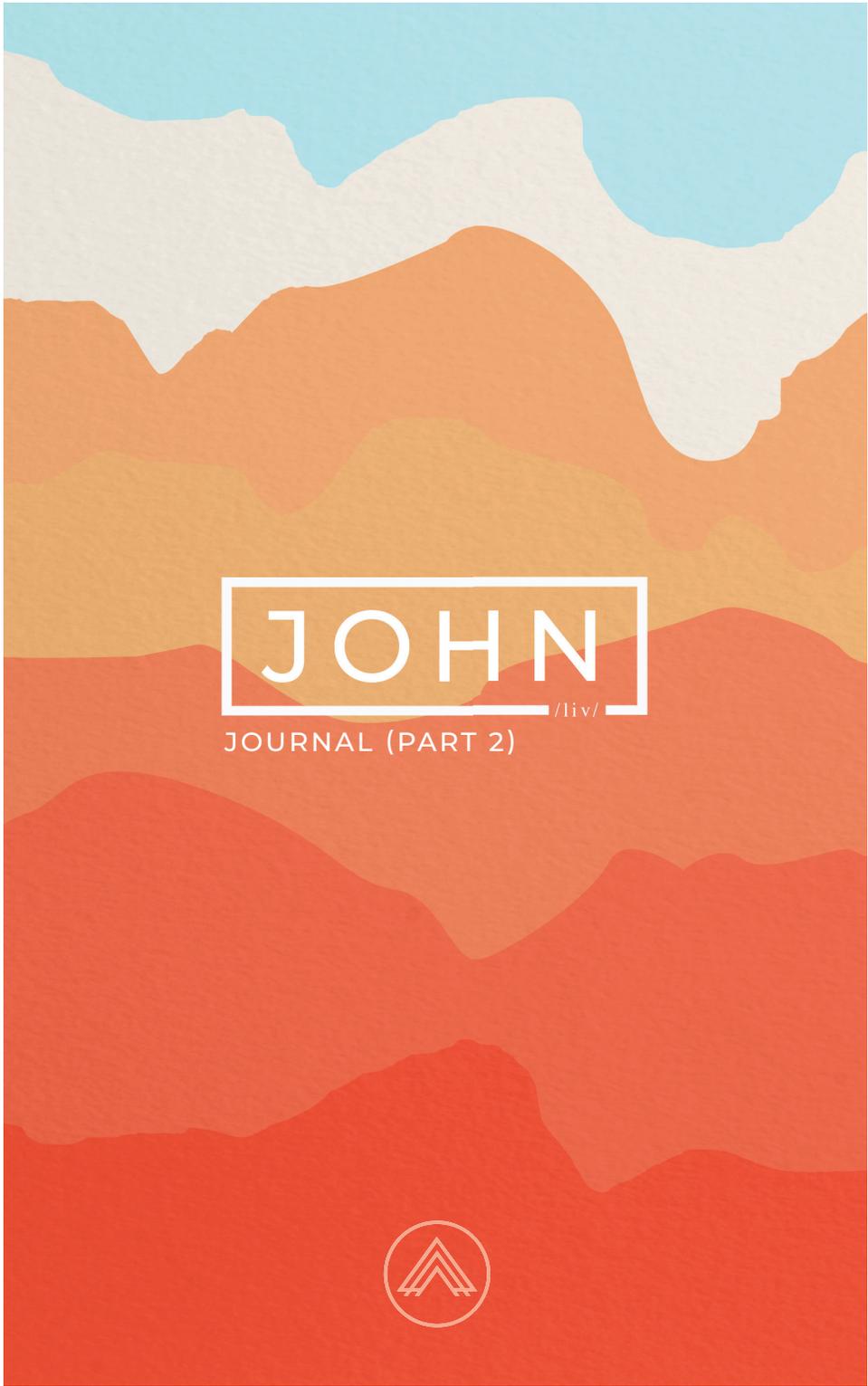




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JOURNAL (PART 2)



WELCOME TO THE JOHN JOURNAL

In March we began a 26-week journey through the Gospel of John. Now, in Part 2 of this two-part journal, we will dive deeper into John chapters 12-21. In these final chapters of John's Gospel we get to understand, more deeply, John's first hand account of Jesus' final week before his death and the glorious victory that followed. John was one of Jesus' closest friends who was there at the cross. Really soak up these chapters of John as we get to sit in awe of how incredible our savior is.

As we study the Gospel of John together, remember to be patient. It can be easy to jump to other sources as we study the Word of God, but as we study together, take your time and think critically about the text. Consider others that you can connect with, maybe your Community Group, to share what God is teaching you throughout this series. Learn more about how to get the most out of this journal in this introduction as we study John's account of Jesus' ministry here on earth as a NWH family.

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Author, Date, and Recipients

John the son of Zebedee wrote this Gospel. He was a Palestinian Jew, one of the 12 disciples, and a member of Jesus' inner apostolic circle. He was referred to as the disciple "whom Jesus loved" (13:23). John also wrote 1–3 John and Revelation. He likely wrote his Gospel account between A.D. 70 (the date of the destruction of the temple) and A.D. 100 (the reputed end of John's life). It was likely written from Ephesus in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey), one of the most important cities of the Roman Empire at the time. His original audience consisted of Jews and Gentiles living in the larger Greco-Roman world in Ephesus and beyond, toward the close of the first century A.D.

Theme and Purpose

The theme of John's Gospel is that Jesus is the long-awaited, promised Messiah and Son of God. By believing in Jesus, people have eternal life (see 20:30–31).

As evidence that Jesus is the Messiah, John relies on several selected messianic signs performed by Jesus and a series of witnesses to Jesus. These include the Scriptures, John the Baptist, Jesus himself, God the Father, Jesus' miraculous works, the Holy Spirit, and John himself.

Key Themes

- I. **Jesus.** Jesus is God, the "I am." He existed before the creation of the world, and he has supernatural knowledge. He fulfills the Jewish festivals and institutions. As the sent Son of God, he reflects the Sender. Signs and witnesses demonstrate that he is the Messiah.
- II. **The Trinity.** Father, Son, and Spirit are united in their work of revelation and redemption.
- III. **Salvation.** God is sovereign in salvation. Jesus' death is the basis of salvation, which is obtained through believing in the living Jesus as the Son of God
- IV. **Eternal Life.** Jesus is the giver of eternal life. Believers can experience some of salvation's benefits during this present evil age.
- V. **Mission.** Believers are called to continue Jesus' mission.

Outline

- I. **Prologue:** The Incarnate Word (1:1–18)
- II. **Signs of the Messiah, with Teaching about Life in Him** (1:19–12:50)
- III. **The Farewell Teaching and the Passion Narrative** (13:1–20:31)
- IV. **Epilogue:** The Roles of Peter and of the Disciple Whom Jesus Loved (21:1–25)



**JUNE 27 SPEAKER:
CODY WAGNER, NWH Intern**

I was born in California and raised in Texas and ever since I can remember I have been in church every chance there was to be in church. The most central and important thing in my life has always been God. My parents homeschooled me so that

they could ensure a good Christian education, my social circles and all my closest friends have been from church, and my first job was even as a janitor for my church.

My parents have been pillars of faith for me my whole life and when I was eight years old, I prayed a prayer that everyone around had been telling me to pray. But there was no repentance behind that prayer. Just a selfish desire to be celebrated alongside my friends.

However, our God is faithful and continued to pursue me lovingly and I finally responded to that at the age of 11. On July 2, 2011, I was at a church camp and I heard God’s call so clearly and convicting, I felt as if I could do nothing but respond by giving my life and laying down my desires for His greater plan. I was truly blessed to have a good community and church around me to help me grow my faith through personal discipleship, mission trips, and even opportunities to teach and lead all while I was still a teenager.

Going into my senior year of high school I had a simple plan for the future, I would become a traveling nurse, make lots of money, while helping people, and drive a Jeep Wrangler. I thought, because helping people was noble, it would be enough to be called Godly, but in reality it was that desire for self-gain coming through again and I began to feel uneasy about this plan as I graduated.

Feeling more and more uneasy about this after graduating and seeing doors close, I began to grow more and more frustrated at God till I finally reached a breaking point and surrendered. I felt a call into ministry and had a track record of gifts being affirmed in me so I told God I’d do ministry if He would make the path. Ever since I surrendered, He has been faithful to make that path more clear through three internships with four churches and the opportunity to go to college to study ministry. I continue to walk that path with God today, one step at a time.

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JULY 4 SPEAKER:
GARY JONES, NWH Youth Pastor

I am just a guy who loves Jesus! I can look back at my life as a Christian and say that God has been incredibly faithful and continually called me to take next steps in the faith. I believed as a young boy, remember serving in kids camp when I was

in elementary school, prayed for my friends in middle school, led someone to faith in Jesus when I was in high school, served in campus ministry at my state university, and felt a call to ministry my senior year there.

The next chapter of my life was becoming a high school art teacher, where my mission field was the 150 students in my classes and after one year of teaching, I became the youth pastor at a small church in Southern Illinois where Tara and I lived for 4 years. We got married in the fall of 2014 and moved to Plano, TX in January of 2015 where I accepted the call to serve as the youth and young adult pastor of our church there in the suburbs of Dallas. I also served as the regional director of a youth camp in Texas, led teams at camps in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts, and got the opportunity to serve twice in Wales as a camp speaker. It has been the biggest blessing to be able to serve God wherever he calls us, which led us to Corvallis a year and a half ago – and we LOVE it here! I enjoy bow hunting and riding dirt bikes and Tara loves photography and design. Lou loves hanging out with her friends, reading, and being cool. This family we have found in Corvallis is so special! Thank you for loving us well.

Tara and I have served together in campus ministry, children’s ministry, youth, young adults, camp teams, and mission trips...working with young people always keeps things fresh and exciting – they keep you on your toes! Through our ministry – we have served alongside each other, and now serve together in our toughest and best role yet – raising our daughter, Lou!

I love serving here at Northwest Hills as the youth pastor and intern director! One fun fact about me is that at last count, I have been to 27 camps...this summer will bump that to 29. It’s hard to say whether that has added or subtracted a few years to or from my life...but no matter the cost – living all-in for Jesus is WORTH IT!

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AUGUST 1 SPEAKER:
CALEB HUNT, NWH Ministry Partner

While I grew up in a loving Christian home, it wasn't until late in college that I began to understand the love of Jesus, and fell in love back. It was a love that radically changed my life, and forced me to wrestle with many questions about

the faith I thought I already knew, and come out the other side even more inspired to worship. During that formative time I was graciously grafted into the Christian community on campus known as Cru, where I was showered with love and spiritual fertilizer, and met an amazing gal named Christina.

God then chose to test my parents' faith by giving me a heart for the world and sending me to the other side of it for two years in a wonderful country we affectionately call "East Asia." It was there that God opened my eyes to see even more of the beauty of the gospel through the lens of other cultures, and helped me develop the intellectual side of my faith by allowing me to look like a fool a lot. Working alongside Cru staff, students and other missionaries from nine different countries, I learned how truly diverse and united the body of Christ really is, and caught a glimpse of what unity could look like.

Upon returning home, Christina decided to give me a chance, and God taught me firsthand about miracles. We returned to East Asia as a family, where we served for three more years, and God taught us both about humor by giving us two sets of twins. Since returning home, we have grown in our passion to make Jesus known among every people and culture, as we continue to serve in Cru and shower the next generation of American and international students with love and spiritual fertilizer.

Over the years God has taught me many things, including the fact that walking with Jesus can be honest, difficult, and even a little funny sometimes. I love to have authentic conversations about Jesus, and to help others wrestle with the faith they thought they already knew, and come out the other side even more inspired to worship.

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JULY 25 SPEAKER:
CHAD WEAVER, Special Guest

I was born and raised on a dairy near Astoria, Oregon. My parents took my two older brothers and I to the same church every week. I was blessed to grow up in a Godly home. I gave my heart to Christ when I was six at a puppet show. Although

there were ups and downs through high school, I've always tried to follow God. In 2001 I came to OSU and lived on campus and met great friends that were "Jesus freaks." They brought me to Real Life. It was a Bible study that had several hundred students meeting at Arnold dining center on Tuesday nights. Different leaders began to empower me, so I began to serve. I'd come early and set up or stay late and tear down. One leader encouraged me to lead a small group Bible study. Another encouraged me to help organize the Real Life Retreat. I loved having the opportunity to serve and lead.

Once I completed my bachelor's degree in 2005, I went to Cornerstone School of Ministry at Calvary Corvallis for a year. It was foundational in giving me tools for life and ministry. After finishing I decided to finish my master's at OSU to be a high school teacher, but at the end of my master's degree the Real Life pastor asked me to come on staff. So, after praying about it, I took a step of faith in the summer of 2007 and began raising support to do ministry full-time with Real Life at Oregon State, and later in spring 2016 became the college pastor at Calvary Corvallis. I never imagined being a full-time campus missionary for 14 years, but I've been blessed to work with awesome students and leaders. I've enjoyed leading Bible studies at fraternities, chapels for sports teams, All-Campus worship nights, and getting to share the love of Jesus with students. I also work with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) at OSU.

In August 2011, I married my best friend, Bethany. She's an amazing mommy to our kids (Claire & Caleb) and works part-time as a nurse at Good Samaritan. Besides college ministry, we have a passion for missions and have led many teams in various countries. We love our city and campus, and love partnering with the other churches and college ministries in our community to reach others with the love of Jesus.

WEEKLY REFLECTION : JOHN 15

Read Sunday's passage. Begin with prayer as you open up the Word.

H – HIGHLIGHT

After reading the passage of scripture, highlight each verse that speaks to you by copying it out in your journal below.

E – EXPLAIN

Explain what the text means. What did you observe about the verse(s)? Record here two or three facts you discovered as you looked more closely at the verse(s).

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SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE CHECK-IN

After making your plan, how have you been living radically generous this month?

How has seeing Jesus' generosity impacted your willingness to live like he did?

Spend some time reflecting.