The Gospel According to John **Jesus Prays** Larissa Nelson August 24, 2025 Scripture: John 17 John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." What a promise! After making this incredible promise, verse 1 of the next chapter says that "After Jesus said this, he looked to heaven and prayed." As we read through Christ's prayer, ponder and ask yourself the big question: What is in Jesus' In other words: What makes his heart beat? What does he desire and yearn for? Read: John 17:1-5 DESIRE #1 IN CHRIST'S HEART: What does this word "glory" mean? The noun used in this passage is \_\_\_\_\_ and the verb is doxazo (δοξάζω) • "Glory" here means splendor, brilliance, ultimate value and the verb "glorify" in this context means to hold someone or something as glorious, to praise and honour them with utmost regard Read: John 17:6-19 DESIRE #2 IN CHRIST'S HEART: Christ yearns and prays for his disciples to be sanctified. In Greek, the word used for "sanctified" in this passage is ἀγιάζω (hagiazó). • It means "to set aside something, or make it suitable for ritual purpose, to consecrate, to dedicate". Put simply, to

Jesus didn't pray for us to be spared from evil situations but to be spared from the evil ONE. That the enemy's influence would not penetrate into our souls but that the influence of the Holy Spirit would stand strong against the flaming arrows.

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DESIRE #3 IN CHRIST'S HEART:

In addition to glorifying and sanctifying, Christ wants to unify us. One with Him, one with each other, held together in love.

• ἕν (hen) = oneness

RECAP: Unity. Sanctity. And God's glory. This is Christ's heart.

Please take some time to pray for GSU. With the people around you or on your own, pray:

- 1. God to be Glorified
- 2. Us to be Sanctified
- 3. Us to be Unified