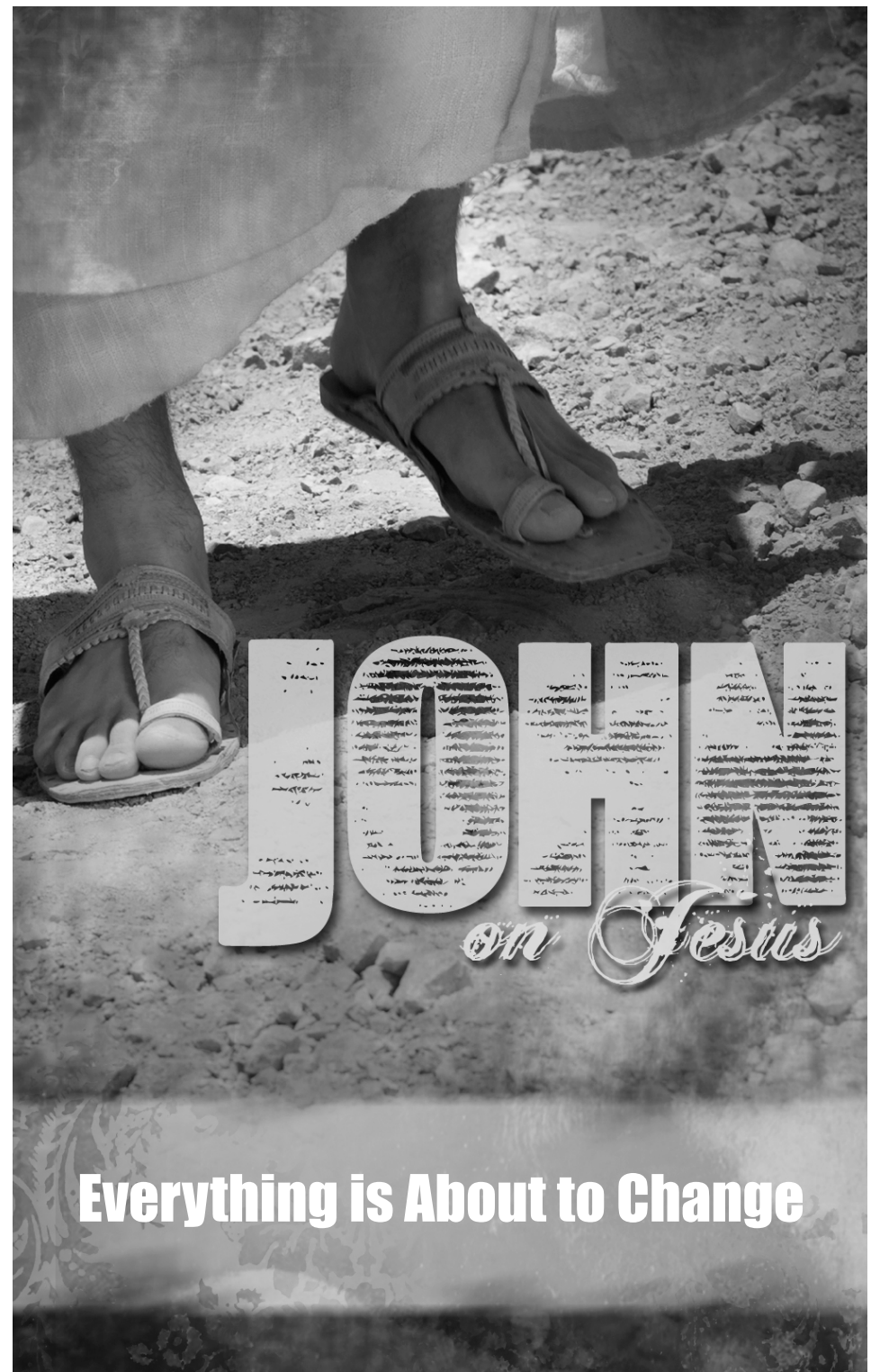


*I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you: this is why we believe that you came from God.” Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” John 16:28–33 (ESV)*

1. If I love Jesus, be confident that God the Father has a special love for me. I can approach God the Father, in the name of Jesus, knowing he wants to hear my prayers.
2. God guarantees to answer my prayers for fruitfulness and bringing glory to Christ.
3. When I pray in Jesus’ name, I submit my will to God’s will for how he will chooses to answer my prayers.
4. If I am praying to be fruitful, *take bold steps expecting God will keep his word and make me fruitful.*

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John 16:16-33

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## The disciples are clueless. Only Jesus understands.

"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." John 16:16–18 (ESV)

Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. John 16:19–22 (ESV)

## Everything is about to change, for example, their prayers.

In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. John 16:23–24 (ESV)

Prayer in Jesus' name means: Prayer that comes to God through Jesus alone.

Praying in Jesus' name means: Asking that God's will be done even if it is different than my will.

*And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.* 1 John 5:14–15 (ESV)

*And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."* Matthew 26:39 (ESV)

Praying in Jesus' name means: Prayer for the mission.

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.* John 14:12–14 (ESV)

*If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.* John 15:7–8 (ESV)

*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.* John 15:16 (ESV)

Praying in Jesus' name means: Praying with confidence that we are loved by God the Father.

*"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.* John 16:25–27 (ESV)

The disciples think they understand but Jesus tells them they are still clueless.