

SO SEND I YOU, INC. 2024 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Saint John Baptist Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: 2024 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Time: March 8, 2024 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every day, until Mar 31, 2024

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**DAY 21
FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024**

THE SPOTLIGHT IS YOURS

Rev. Jonathan R. Staples

John 3:30 He must become greater; I must become less.

I believe that most Christians really do want Jesus to increase in their heart. We all want to exalt Jesus and see Jesus exalted by others. The struggle is, we turn this prayer into, "Christ must increase, and I wouldn't mind increasing as well." It is difficult for us to decrease. None of us want to be totally forgotten. We want people to think about us. In fact, we want people to think well of us. It is a constant battle to say, "I don't care about what people think about me. I want to live so that people don't think about me much at all. I want to live so that people think about Jesus."

It is a constant battle to live dead to ourselves on a daily basis. We have to intentionally work to make this verse a reality in our lives. If we are to model this verse, it will require hard work and a constant desire to live out spiritual disciplines. We must pray that Jesus would become greater through our life and we become less. I pray this for myself and for those reading this right now.

The text begs for the glory of God to be made known, that the love of God would be known, that God's name would be made known, and that our names would become

less. The goal is less and less about us, and more and more about God. God's name is the only one that ultimately matters. Christ is the only one who can save. Christ is the only one who is Lord and King over all. In light of who God is, for us to desire the spotlight makes no sense. God is the only one who is worthy of all worship, praise, and adoration.

Prayer:

God may this mark our lives, you increasing and us decreasing. The spotlight is yours! We pray this in Jesus' Name, for Jesus' glory, for His increase. Amen.