

be spoken over his people, his blessing.

What does God wish to do with you? Bless you.

Here as some words you might have heard often; God, our Father, speaking through Aaron. "May the LORD bless you and protect you. May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you. May the LORD show you his favour and give you his peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

Did you hear that; he wants you to live under his smile, and experience his grace? I love the image of living under Father's smile and living as his favour child, knowing life with him in his love. That's what peace is;

knowing life, lived under his smile, as his favoured child, in his loving presence. Nothing to fear, just life to be lived to the full.

What do you wish to do with Jesus?

Obviously I can't answer that for you, you'll answer it in your life. I pray you wish to let Jesus in. I pray that letting Jesus in becomes more and more of a reality in the way you live. I pray that you wish to take Jesus at his word and join him living under Father's smile, as his favoured child, whom he loves and delights being with.

That's what I wish to do with Jesus? Take him at his word, and live life, fearlessly, courageously with

him. Live life, knowing I'm loved, knowing I'm significant, knowing I'm wanted way more than I'll ever understand.

What do you wish to do with Jesus?

His wish is that you join him in living in the victory he has won; living liberated from sin, death and the devil. Living, in the joy of his love, knowing the smile of his presence, daily listening to his voice and together discovering life, a rich and satisfying life, the like only he can give.

What do you wish to do with Jesus?

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Jesus' disciples multiplying disciples

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WHAT DO YOU WISH TO DO WITH JESUS?

Good Friday

Over the Lenten season we unwrapped

this action of Pontius Pilate; "Pilate turned Jesus over to them to do as they wished." (Luke 23:25) Pilate knew Jesus was innocent but he turned Jesus over to those who wished to kill him.

As I read that passage I felt it like God asking me; 'What do you wish to do with Jesus?' 'Tim; what do you wish to do with Jesus?'

Thank God, Jesus, wished to set me free from sin, death and the devil, that I might share life with him as one of the heavenly Father's children, chosen and marked by his love, the delight of his life. That's what Jesus wished; to set me free

for life lived loved by his Father.

That's the wonderful message of 'Good Friday'. I love celebrating Good Friday. What a joyful day of victory, for it is through this act, this act of Jesus allowing himself to be crucified that I am set free, that I am forgiven, that I am loved most extravagantly.

'What do I wish to do with Jesus?' Celebrate life with him, that's what I wish to do with Jesus. I wish to walk straight through that open door he's created, and boldly go straight into Father's heart, there's no other place I'd rather be.

That's where Jesus is inviting me, inviting us, to discover and live life in all it's fullness. For Jesus' wish is that we, together with him, discover a rich and satisfying life in Father's heart.

'What do I wish to do with Jesus?' Talk. That's what I wish to do with Jesus, talk and talk and talk, about life, about everything, especially about love, and hope, and faith. I wish to talk with Jesus, knowing his thoughts, person to person, as I live out a deep, intimate, conversational relationship with him.

I want to hear what Jesus has got to say on how to love my wife, how to love my children, how to best

be a pastor and what to do next year. I want to listen to Jesus, that's what I wish to do with Jesus?

What about you? What do you wish to do with Jesus?

What do you wish to do with Jesus, because ultimately it wasn't Pilate who handed Jesus over to the crowd to do as they wished. The heavenly Father handed Jesus over to them to do as they wished.

The heavenly Father handed Jesus over because love knew no other way. Father wasn't going to spare himself at our expense. How seeing Jesus, his loved son, whipped, spat on, crucified, ridiculed and humiliated, must have cut his heart to the core. I'm sure anyone who has lost a child has got a small

taste of what the heavenly Father experienced.

But thank God, thank Father, he didn't spare himself that indescribable agony at our expense. He willingly went to the cross for he wished liberation for his loved children. He

back to be mercilessly whipped, torn to shreds. Jesus cry from the cross is real, and for me totally unfathomable. Jesus, the Son, for all eternity has never, ever known anything other than the loving embrace of his Father. He's looked into his Father's face and always seen that smile.

The heavenly Father handed Jesus over...

wished life, forgiveness, hope, for us, for you, for me.

What about you? What do you wish to do with Jesus?

Jesus didn't spare himself the pain of abandonment, because he wished to find us, to bring us back into that precious relationship he shares with Father.

So Jesus didn't turn his back on us, but willingly allows his

And it is this guy who today we remember cried out in utter agony; 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me'. For Jesus wish is that we never have to experience the reality of that forsakenness. Wow, what amazing grace. I don't have words that can express the wonder of such unrestrained love, that can express the thanks I have for Jesus.

What does Jesus wish to do with you? Love you. Liberate you.

Share his life with you. What do you wish Jesus to do with you?

In the cross I see an open ended question from God, asking, pleading, hoping; 'Tim, what do you wish Jesus to do with you?'

Am I arrogant enough that I want Jesus to treat me as I deserve? Is that what you wish Jesus to do, treat you as you feel you deserve? Or would you rather have Jesus treat you as he wishes?

Jesus wish is that you discover life lived to the full in him. Jesus wish is that you discover life lived loved. Jesus wish is that you discover how to love yourself, without becoming spoilt. Jesus wish is to liberate you from the hold of sin, death and the devil, that you experience life

lived to the full with him, loved by Father. Daily looked and seeing Father's smiling face, no matter the circumstance.

What do you wish Jesus to do with you? He's opened the way into Father's heart. What do you wish

Jesus to do with you? I don't want to exist being shaped by the circumstances of life.

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so much. That's not what Jesus wishes for you.

Jesus wishes to take you way, way beyond your wildest imaginings. Jesus wishes that you get to experience and grow in his Father's presence, knowing him intimately,

personally, joyfully, as you discover life lived under his wonderful smile.

Jesus wish is that you...

I hope you get the feeling that I'm struggling for words, because my words fall so short in describing the amazing life of love and joy and hope Jesus has given his for you to live, to experience, to rejoice with him in.

As I struggle with my words, these are the words Jesus reminded me of, through the Spirit. These are the very words of God, to