Title: The Outward Focus - The Heart of Jesus for His Disciples
Text: John 17:6-19 December 13, 2020

Walk-In: Again today we'll eavesdrop a bit into the conversation between Jesus and His Father. Today it discloses how he felt about his disciples and the things that he did for them for their best interests. This time it is focused not so much on Himself and His relationship with the Father as much as it is for others given to Him. There emerges three general areas for which Christ prayed for His disciples.

First, Jesus prayed for their P_____ while IN the world.

*"...but they are still in the world... Holy Father, **protect** them by the power of your name..."* **John 17:11**

- Remember to **O**_____ and **A**_____ His Words.

- Remember the **P**_____ of His name.
  cf. 1 Peter 1:5 "...who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time."

- Remember His **P**_____ : *"that they may be ONE as we are ONE."*

Then, Jesus prayed for their P_____ FROM the evil one. *"My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one."* **John 17:15**

- So they may know **S**_____. John 17:12
  *"The Christian life is not a **B**_____; it is a **B**_____".*

- So they may have **J**_____. John 17:13

Finally, Jesus prayed for their P_____.

"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth." **John 17:7**

- It involves separation **F**_____.
  "Therefore come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord" ***- 2 Corinthians 6:17***

- It involves a separation **U**_____.
  "...so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe..." - ***Philippians 2:15***

Wrap-up: The concerns of Christ for his disciples who were his earthly followers long ago still is His concern for us today. We can know of His keeping power for us. We can stand in the strength He supplies to withstand the attacks of the evil one. We can live a life devoted to God that evidences a difference from the world in which we live. Let Him continue His work in you today even as He did for those He called to Himself long ago.