

WELCOME to “Advent with Dallas Willard”
a 3-week course to celebrate the incarnation of Jesus.

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SESSION 1 — THE INCARNATION OF JESUS CHRIST

SPEAKING — “[INCARNATION AND CELEBRATION](#)” SERMON [0:00-18:24]

[SERMON TEXT IN THE STUDY GUIDE P. 20-23]

READING — ADVENT DEVOTIONALS # 1-4

SESSION 2 — THE HUMBLE KING REDEEMING THE HUMAN SYSTEM

SPEAKING — “[INCARNATION AND CELEBRATION](#)” SERMON
[18:25-37:30] [SERMON TEXT IN THE STUDY GUIDE P. 24-27]

READING — ADVENT DEVOTIONALS # 5-8

SESSION 3 — THE ADORATION OF JESUS CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

SPEAKING — “[INCARNATION AND CELEBRATION](#)” SERMON [37:31-55:25]

[SERMON TEXT IN THE STUDY GUIDE P. 28-31]

READING — ADVENT DEVOTIONALS # 9-12

Session 1 Review

Messiah Emmanuel

“The Humble King”

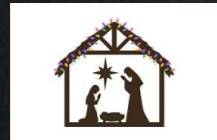
The gift of Christmas is the Creator of matter entering matter to redeem it and to bring His glory to us and through us to our world of people and creation.



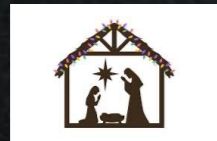
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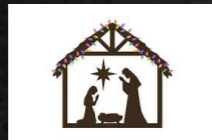
Flesh vs. Spirit



A Crazy Mind vs. A Beautiful Mind



Redemption Through Incarnation



**Enter the Humble King into
the Human System**



The Battle — Flesh & Spirit

Flesh — Matter + Socialized Reality of Human Abilities

“I want that toy!”

“I’ve got to have a donut.”

The Battle

Flesh away from God - *desire*

versus

spirit - *human will surrendered to God*

For the desire of the flesh is against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, in order to keep you from doing whatever you want.

Galatians 5:17

"Let me explain the difference between desire and will; between flesh and spirit. Your will is your spirit. It's your power of self determination. And will is not just looking for what you want. It's looking for what is best. The main difference between desire and will is will contemplates alternatives.

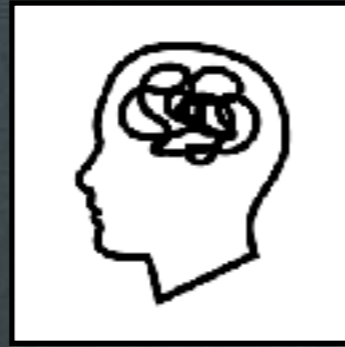
Desire says, 'It's a donut. That's what I want!'

And will says, 'Well, maybe you should have a V-8.'
And then it presents the other possibilities.

Now, see the will is made like that by God in each of us, and he wants us to surrender our will to him, so we will have a guide to what is good."



Dallas Willard
"Incarnation & Celebration"
[24:05-25:15]



A Crazy Mind vs. A Beautiful Mind

Crazy by “desire” or Good by “truth?”

*“When you surrender will to your desires,
the next thing that happens is your mind goes crazy.”*

“If you have truth, you can integrate your life with reality.”



*“What the gospel brings to us is not what we want,
but what is good for us.”*
Dallas Willard





Would you like to cease from sin? There is a way!

Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because the one who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human lusts, but for the will of God. 1 Peter 4:1-2

A Few Words from Dallas

The Humble King Enters the Human System

“Incarnation & Celebration” sermon

[run time 31:14 - 33:30]





Redemption Through Incarnation

“The Word became flesh and dwelled among us.” John 1:14

If you are driven by desires, you are sure to be disappointed.

The Key — Give up getting what you want
through your will
to the Spirit of God...

And you will get more than you ever dreamed!



Enter the Humble King into the Human System

“Emmanuel, God with us.”

Jesus enters the world as a little baby and brings the power of God into the system and sets us free!

“There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

Romans 8:1

We are invited to satisfy Jesus and join what He is doing.

The change of our “wanter” right where we are.

“Celebration is what is needed. Nothing leads us to repentance like the goodness of God.” Devotional 7, Study Guide p. 14



“God intended you to be something. He intends you to be something wonderful and great and good, and he will bring you there. No matter what your circumstances, no matter who you are, no matter where you’re from, no matter what you’ve done, there are no limits to what he can do to bring us to an unbelievably wonderful place. He steps in where we are.”

Dallas Willard
“Incarnation & Celebration”

[34:43 - 35:07]



“When you understand the glory of the incarnation in His people, you can see why Paul would talk about it that way.” Dallas Willard

“Christ in you, the hope of glory.”
Colossians 1:27

"I am challenged to stay in myself, in my situation, my place. I am restless this Advent. Restless about my reality. Christ's incarnation makes my *now* matter. I am invited to stay here. Here where Christ comes and helps me be more real and present even in a difficult reality. I am invited to enter into waiting for Christ right here."

K.N.

Advent course participant



Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

(Use the Q&A on the bottom of your Zoom screen)



Q&A

80:00 + 10K

Meditation — *Romans 8:1-5*

V-I-M in your next 10,000 minutes...

VISION — Where do I see most in the world and me the flesh vs. spirit battle? (Devotionals 5-6, Study Guide p. 12-13)

INTENTION — How do “surrender my will to God” and “grow in grace” join in me? (Devotional #7-8, p. 14-15)

MEANS — What Jesus practices am I using to change my want in an area of my life that needs more attention and nourishment?

“Good crops do come to the farmer who perseveres in doing the things that promote good crops.” Devotional #8 p. 15



† Cross Fit

Session 2 Summary

When we understand the glory of the incarnation in His people, we discover the potential of our will over desire to want what Jesus wants leaving no limits to the good, beautiful and true He fleshes out in us and through us.



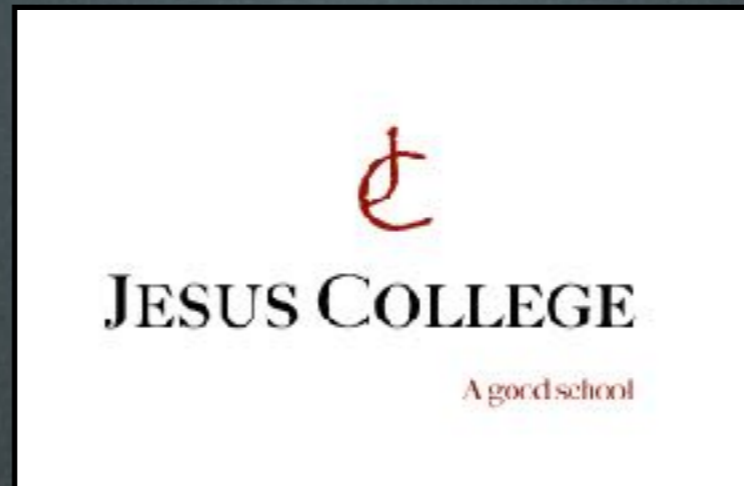
Next Week — Session 3 of 3

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READING — ADVENT DEVOTIONALS #9-12
(STUDY GUIDE P. 16-19)

RECOMMENDED — “BRINGING TRUTH TO LIFE” [7:35-12:25]
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“A Student of the Superior Benefactor”

Apprentice to Master Love — //Verbs
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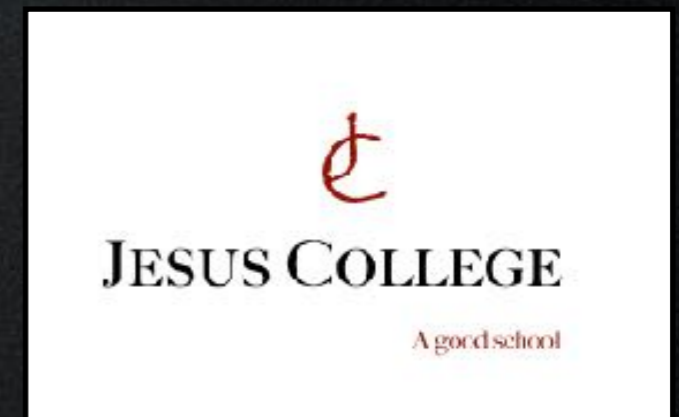
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