



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sanford church of Christ

light
vs
dark



John 3:19 - 21 (ESV)

19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."



GOD APPROVED
"SELFLESSNESS" VS.
MAN-MADE
"SELFISHNESS"

Jesus vs Barabbas





JESUS – GOD
APPROVED
"SELFLESSNESS"

Matthew 26:36 – 46 (ESV)

36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." 37 And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, **he began to be sorrowful and troubled**. 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." 39 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**." 40 And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 42 Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." 43 And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. 44 So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. 45 Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

Luke 22:43 - 44 (ESV)

43 And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. 44 And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.



BARABBAS – MAN-
MADE “SELFISHNESS”

Matthew 27:15 - 23 (ESV)

15 Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. **16 And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.** 17 So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: **Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?**" 18 For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. 19 Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." 20 Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. 21 The governor again said to them, **"Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"** **And they said, "Barabbas."** 22 Pilate said to them, **"Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"** **They all said, "Let him be crucified!"** 23 And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

Mark 15:6 – 15 (ESV)

6 Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. **7 And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas.** 8 And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. 9 And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" 10 For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. 12 And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" 13 And they cried out again, "Crucify him." 14 And Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." **15 So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.**



WHY IS "SELFISHNESS"
SOMETHING THAT IS OF
THE DARKNESS?

1 John 3:17 – 18 (ESV)

17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Philippians 2:3 - 4 (ESV)

3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.



WHY IS BEING "SELFLESS" A
GOOD ATTRIBUTE OF THE
LIGHT?

Philippians 2:5 - 8 (ESV)

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

What are some ways we can show a selfless attitude?

- Sharing our stuff with others
- Being willing to forgive someone who hurt us
- Going out of your way to help someone
- What are some other ways you can think of?



ARE YOU LIVING A LIFE
OF SELFLESSNESS?