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SUNDAY MESSAGE NOTES AND INTERACTIVE PDF

Just Say Yes

Jesus calls every person out of empty religion, condemnation, and bondage into eternal life, freedom, and transformation through wholehearted surrender.

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Just Say Yes	Pastor Jason Gillick
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Sunday, May 10, 2026	John 17:2-3

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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 Eternal life is not merely living forever; it is knowing the Father through Jesus Christ.

- Jesus has authority to give eternal life to those the Father has given Him. ([John 17:2](#))
- Eternal life is a present relationship in which a believer knows the only true God and Jesus Christ. ([John 17:3](#))
- Knowing Him means pursuing His presence, surrendering to His love, and receiving His truth. ([Philippians 3:8-10](#))

“Eternal life is knowing God.”

STUDY [John 17:2-3](#); [Philippians 3:8-10](#)

02 Jesus is not an experiment to try; He is Lord, and the response He requires is a wholehearted yes.

- God sets life and death before every person and calls each one to choose life. ([Deuteronomy 30:19-20](#))
- A genuine response is more than religious appearance or satisfying someone else's expectations. ([Matthew 15:8-9](#))
- The believer belongs to Christ because redemption was purchased by His precious blood. ([1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#))

"You don't just try Jesus. You say yes to Him."

STUDY [Deuteronomy 30:19-20](#); [Matthew 15:8-9](#); [1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#)

03 Nothing in the world can fulfill the human heart because only Jesus gives abundant life.

- The thief steals, kills, and destroys, but Jesus came to give life more abundantly. ([John 10:10](#))
- Possessions, success, relationships, and temporary pleasures cannot replace fellowship with God. ([Mark 8:36](#))
- Spiritual thirst is answered by coming to Jesus and receiving rivers of living water. ([John 7:37-38](#))

"The only thing that can fulfill our life is Jesus."

STUDY [John 10:10](#); [Mark 8:36](#); [John 7:37-38](#)

04 The cross removes condemnation and opens the way for forgiveness, restoration, and a new direction.

- Jesus did not come to condemn the world but to save those who believe in Him. ([John 3:16-17](#))
- The woman caught in adultery received mercy and the command to leave her life of sin. ([John 8:10-11](#))
- God removes confessed sin and gives freedom from shame rather than leaving the believer chained to the past. ([Psalm 103:12](#))

"God forgives you. He forgives you. Forgive yourself."

STUDY [John 3:16-17](#); [John 8:10-11](#); [Psalm 103:12](#)

05 Surrender allows the Holy Spirit to transform the heart and bring forth visible fruit.

- The Holy Spirit draws the heart toward Jesus and makes the response of faith possible. ([John 6:44](#))
- God removes the heart of stone and gives a new heart and a new spirit. ([Ezekiel 36:26-27](#))
- A changed life produces fruit: hunger for God, faithfulness, freedom, and a desire to remain in His presence. ([Galatians 5:22-25](#))

“You just say yes to Him. You just surrender to Him. He changes your heart.”

STUDY [John 6:44](#); [Ezekiel 36:26-27](#); [Galatians 5:22-25](#)

06 Freedom comes when striving ends and the whole life is yielded to God.

- The power of sin is broken as the old life is crucified with Christ. ([Romans 6:6-7](#))
- Surrender gives God room to free a person from addictions, bondage, and the love of the world. ([Romans 6:16-18](#))
- Those who are in Christ receive freedom from condemnation and power to walk after the Spirit. ([Romans 8:1-2](#))

“The more you surrender to God, then He gives you the ability to walk free from those things that held you captive.”

STUDY [Romans 6:6-7](#); [Romans 6:16-18](#); [Romans 8:1-2](#)

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What will your yes look like?

Where have you treated Jesus as something to try instead of surrendering to Him as Lord?

What false source of fulfillment must be released so your heart can be satisfied in Christ?

What condemnation, shame, or past sin do you need to place beneath the blood of Jesus?

What area of bondage must be yielded to the Holy Spirit so His transforming power can work within you?
