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CHARIST

A series on the book of John

SPIRITUAL CONFLICT

John 7: Jesus' Conflict With His Family

¹ After this, Jesus traveled in Galilee, since He did not want to travel in Judea because the Jews were trying to kill him. ² The Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was near, ³ so His brothers said to Him, “Leave here and go to Judea so Your disciples can see Your works that You are doing. ⁴ For no one does anything in secret while he’s seeking public recognition. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.” ⁵ (For not even His brothers believed in Him.) ⁶ Jesus told them, “My time has not yet arrived, but your time is always at hand. ⁷ The world cannot hate you, but it does hate Me because I testify about it—that its deeds are evil. ⁸ Go up to the festival yourselves. I’m not going up to the festival yet, because My time has not yet fully come.”

John 7:1-8 (HCSB)

John 7: Jesus' Conflict With The Crowd

The Crowd

¹² “He’s deceiving the people.”

¹⁵ “How does He know the Scriptures, since He hasn’t been trained?”

²⁰ “You have a demon!”

²⁷ “We know where this man is from. When the Messiah comes, nobody will know where He is from.”

Jesus

²⁸ ...“You know Me and you know where I am from. Yet I have not come on My own, but the One who sent Me is true. You don’t know Him; ²⁹ I know Him because I am from Him, and He sent Me.”

John 7: Jesus' Conflict With the Religious Establishment

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The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about Him, so the chief priests and the Pharisees sent temple police to arrest Him.

John 7:32 (HCSB)

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On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone is thirsty, he should come to Me and drink! ³⁸ The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, will have streams of living water flow from deep within him.” ³⁹ He said this about the Spirit. Those who believed in Jesus were going to receive the Spirit, for the Spirit had not yet been received because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

John 7:37-44 (HCSB)

Whenever We Experience Jesus, We Find Him Either:

1. Challenging Us or Supporting Us
2. Disturbing Us or Comforting Us
3. Exposing Us or Covering Us
4. Opposing Us or Leading Us

³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:31 (NIV)

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6 (NIV)

What Jesus Teaches Us: He Challenges Us to Align Us

JESUS CHALLENGES OUR INNER BEING

⁷The world cannot hate you, but it does hate Me because I testify about it—that its deeds are evil.

John 7:7 (HCSB)

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The True Presence of Jesus Consists of:

1. Personality: Requires Relationship
2. Presence: Requires Honor
3. Authority: Requires Submission and Obedience

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⁷ So, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you hear his voice,⁸ do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness.

Hebrews 3:7-8 (NIV)

²² Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:22 (NIV)

JESUS CHALLENGES OUR RELIGIOSITY

²¹ “I did one work, and you are all amazed... ²³ are you angry at Me because I made a man entirely well on the Sabbath?” ²⁴ Stop judging according to outward appearances; rather judge according to righteous judgment.”

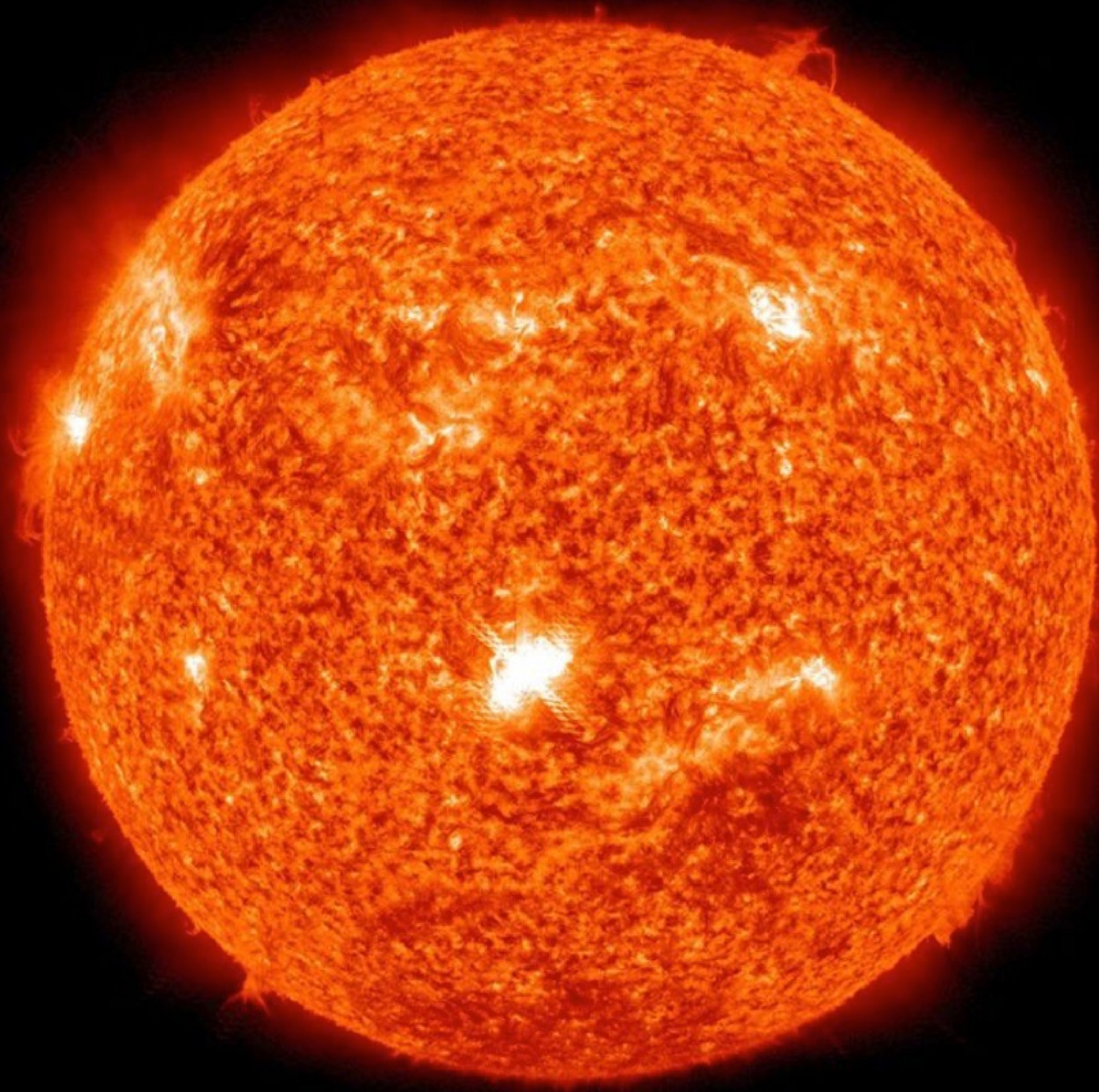
John 7:21, 23-24 (HCSB)

JESUS SUPPORTS US THROUGH THE FLOW OF THE SPIRIT

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John 7:37-39 (HCSB)



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