



Read John 2:13-25

1. In the text, we read of how religious rulers and corrupt business men were getting in the way of worshipers to have an encounter with God. In what way do you think our culture (church or secular) place hurdles in front of your encountering God?
2. What hurdles does the enemy place before you personally?
3. How do you fight those hurdles that the enemy puts before you with truth?
4. We don't often see Jesus angry in Scripture, but when we do (John 2, Mark 3, Mark 10, etc...) it's because others are misrepresenting the Father and somehow getting in the way of Him and what he wanted to do. How do we participate like John the Baptist to clear a path for the Lord and remove hurdles for others?
5. One truth that this text is communicating is that God is available to all people at all times in all circumstances. How do we preach this truth to ourselves daily?
6. Jesus makes incredible claims in this text that it is his father's house (claim to be God or have special relationship with Him) and a claim that he will raise from the dead. How does your personal faith rest on these two claims?
7. If these are true, then whatever he says, we must bet our life on. What's a promise of Jesus that you desperately need to cling to today?