

Why Jesus Didn't Entrust Himself to People

But Jesus on His part did not entrust Himself to them, for He knew all people.

JOHN 2:24

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Jerusalem was alive with Passover pilgrims-
word spreading that a young Rabbi from Galilee
was doing signs no one could explain.
Crowds pressed in,
stirred by what they'd heard
and what they hoped to see.

You may not know this about Jesus-
He loved people deeply,
yet He never leaned the weight of His identity
on their applause.

Their excitement was real,
their admiration sincere.
But He did not entrust Himself to them-
not because they were worse than others,
but because every human heart is bent.

A bent anchor can't hold a ship.
A cracked beam can't carry weight.
Neither can a bent heart
hold a human soul.

Even the best hearts buckle.
Moses lost his temper.
David took another man's wife.
Peter denied Him.
The disciples scattered.
Thomas doubted.
Even in Gethsemane,
the three closest to Him slept
while He agonized in prayer.

Jesus knew this.
He loved people-
ate with them,
taught them,
healed them,
restored them-
and He entrusted His message to frail men,
and His mission,
and His church,
and His witness,
and His gospel.

All these He entrusted to frail men.
But He did not entrust
the weight of His soul to them.
That He entrusted to the only One
able to bear it-His Father.

This is where we follow Him.
We must not place the weight of our soul
in human hands-
but in the hands of the Father.

Jesus shows us how to love people without leaning on them. He gave His mission
to human hands, but He gave His soul to His Father.

Where am I asking someone to carry
a weight only the Father can bear?

It reminds me that disappointment often comes from misplaced trust. Jesus invites me
to entrust the deepest parts of my soul to the Father alone.

Father, teach me to follow Jesus
in this. I place the weight of my soul
in Your hands. Hold what no one else can hold. In Jesus' name, amen.

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