

# The Essence of Life!

## Twelve Sessions in the Gospel of John

### *Session Eight:*

## Why Can't People Figure It Out?

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Some thoughts are so profound that, even after repeated discussion and prolonged exposure, they remain impossible to fully communicate.

The further these principles might be from one's preconceptions, the difficulty of transference is multiplied: before you can own the new position, you have to relinquish the old one.

When the subject under discussion is casual, it is pretty easy to "buy into" a new concept. When the subject is significant, immense amounts of evaluative energy can be expended in the assessment of new beliefs.

These principles are illustrated in this cutting-edge interchange between Jesus and his closest associates. Their questions are our questions; their difficulties are our difficulties. The answers they received are the answers offered to us. The same Holy Spirit that finally enlightened their minds will help ours to grasp these truths as well!

### 1. The Connections are Made

- A. The connection between the Father and the Son  
*John 13:31-32*
- B. The connection between the Son and the disciples  
*John 13:33*
- C. The connection between the disciples  
*John 13:34-35*

### 2. The Confusion is Revealed

- A. The confusion about where Jesus was going  
*John 13:36*
- B. The confusion about what men can do for God  
*John 13:37-38*

### 3. The Contract is Discussed

- A. The pre-requisite for the relationship  
*John 14:1*
- B. The benefits in the relationship  
*John 14:2-4*
- C. The basis for the relationship  
*John 14:5-6*

### 4. The Clarification is Offered

- A. If you know Jesus, you know the Father  
*John 14:7*
- B. If you have seen Jesus, you have seen the Father  
*John 14:8-9*
- C. If you have heard Jesus, you have heard the Father  
*John 14:10-11*
- D. If you have faith in Jesus, you have faith in the Father  
*John 14:12*
- E. If you have access to Jesus, you have access to the Father  
*John 14:13-14*

### Essence

*"Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me."*

*John 14:1*