

# SPEAKNOW

A STUDY THROUGH THE EPISTLE OF JOHN

## Speak Now - Week 6

### “Life In The Son”

1 John 5:1-6

You at your best is the only proof of God’s love that anyone will ever need.



## SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

### FOR FURTHER READING:

*A New Kind of Christianity*  
By Brian McClaren

*Red Letter Revolution*  
Shane Claiborne and Tony Campolo

*The Bad Habits of Jesus: Showing Us The Way to Live Right in a World Gone Wrong*  
Leonard Sweet

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*The daily devotionals will be posted on Pastor Leon’s blog, linked on his Tumblr account, the church’s Facebook Page and Twitter.*

### RECAP: WHY THIS SERIES?

**IN A WORLD WHERE IT’S UNCERTAIN WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CHRISTIAN—WE NEED TO BE SPEAKING UP.**

### AND THEY WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR SHIRTS...

**WE’RE SO BUSY TRYING TO PROVE TO PEOPLE THAT WE’VE GOT ALL THE ANSWERS—  
THAT WE AREN’T LISTENING TO THEIR QUESTIONS.  
IT DOESN’T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY**

**TODAY—YOU AT YOUR BEST IS THE ONLY PROOF OF GOD’S LOVE THAT ANYONE WILL EVER NEED.**

### 1 JOHN 5:1-6

- THE CYCLICAL STYLE OF THIS LETTER CAN BE MADDENING—REPETITION
- THE ELDER IS SEEKING TO ANSWER THEIR DEEP QUESTIONS.
- LIFE IS NOT JUST A FUTURE PROMISE, IT’S A PRESENT REALITY
- “ZOE” THE KIND OF LIFE THAT DEATH CANNOT DESTROY, EVERLASTING
- OUR LOVE FOR GOD AND DESIRE TO KEEP GOD’S COMMANDS = PROOF WE LOVE
- THIS LOVE GROWS OUT OF RELATIONSHIP AND IS EXPRESSED IN RELATIONSHIP
- CONQUERING/OVERCOMING IS NOT THE SAME AS “WINNING” - CONVINCING
- **WHEN YOU GET THIS, YOU ARE AT YOUR BEST—AS GOD INTENDED YOU TO BE.**

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### MAKING IT REAL—HOW ARE YOU AT YOUR BEST?

1. WHEN YOU STOP ACTING LIKE A CHRISTIAN AND JUST BE ONE  
GO ALL IN ON THIS—HOW WILL ANYONE BELIEVE IT OTHERWISE?
2. WHEN YOU GIVE UP ALL OF YOU IN ORDER TO GAIN MORE OF JESUS  
SURRENDER YOUR OUTCOMES, WALK IN OBEDIENCE
3. LIVE A LIFE OF RADICAL MUTUALITY  
GOD IS ALL ABOUT COMMUNITY, UNITY IN DIVERSITY, RELATIONSHIPS

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