



JAMES

Comparison Trap

James 3 (ESV)

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

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17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

The Main Idea

Many people hear and respond to the Gospel, but only those who surrender their life to the Lordship of Jesus are His disciples.

Knowledge

and

Wisdom

Knowledge and Wisdom

- Knowledge – What do I do?
- Godly wisdom - Who am I to be?
 - Pray/Guess/Go
 - Trust God to mold us into the image of Jesus
 - Do God's Word
- Earthly wisdom – Bitter jealousy & selfish ambition
 - Unspiritual
 - Demonic



COMPARING

WITH

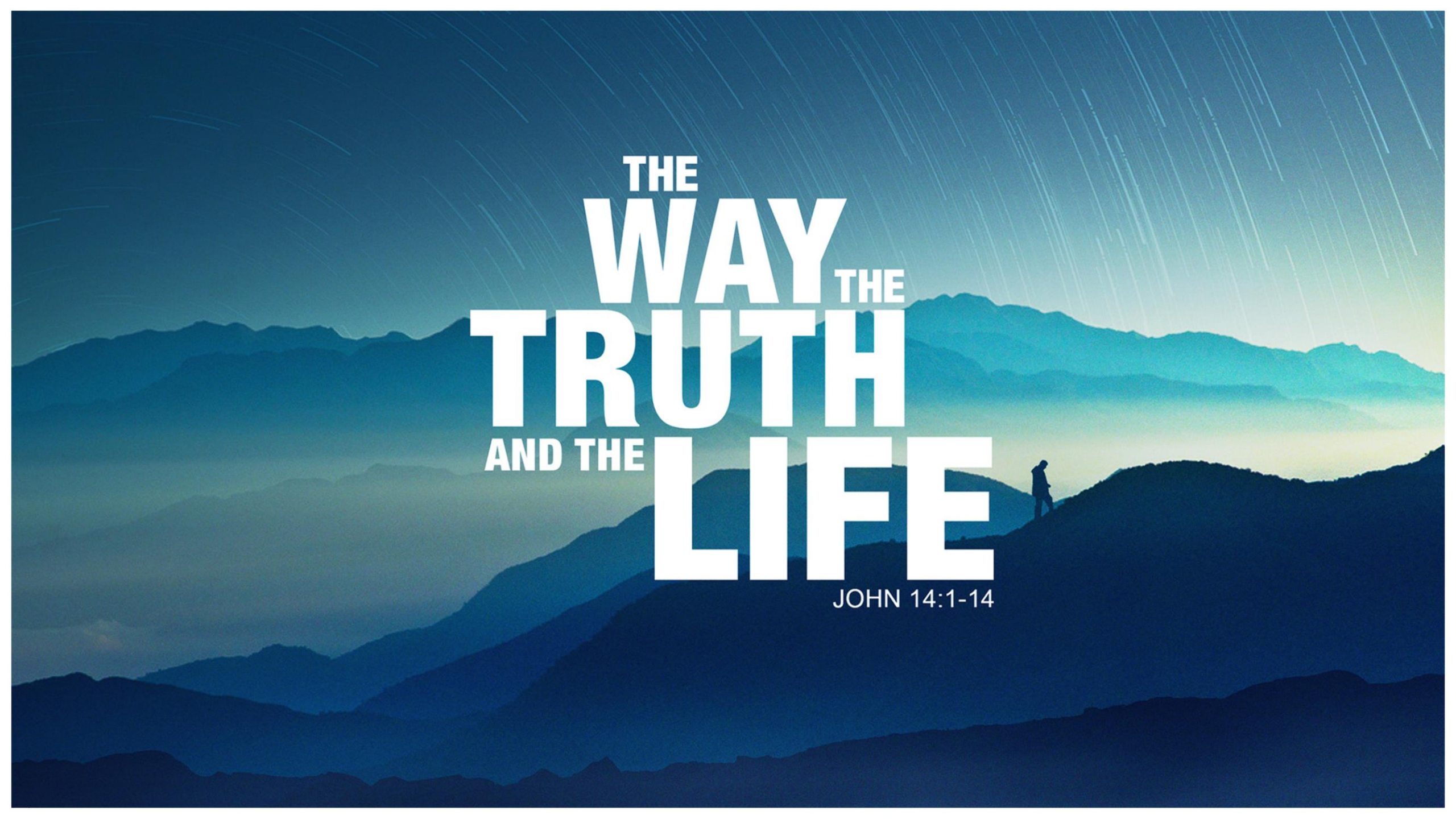
OTHERS

Comparing with Others

- Kills
 - Lose/Lose
 - Pride
 - Condemnation
- Others Highlights versus our “B” roll
- Keeping up with Jones – Bitter jealousy
- Jealousy rots our relationship with Jesus
- Lucifer was jealous of God

Comparing with Others

- Lusts (eyes & flesh) & pride – Selfish ambition
- Others are commodities – “dog eat dog”
- The world is never enough
- What is wrong with me?

The background features a landscape of layered mountains in shades of blue and teal. The sky is dark blue with numerous white light trails from stars, creating a sense of depth and time. A small silhouette of a person stands on a ridge in the distance, looking towards the horizon.

THE
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JOHN 14:1-14

The Way, The Truth and The Life

- Humility & selfless service
- Relationships
 - Pure
 - Peaceable
 - Gentle
 - Open to reason
- Full of mercy
- Good fruits
- Impartial
- Sincere
- Gratitude list
- Unity & peace

Questions

- Was there a time when you received wisdom from God or a time that you had to pray, guess, and go?
- How did the outcome shape your faith?
- Where in your life do you struggle with comparison?
- Where in your life is there evidence of bitter jealousy and selfish ambition?
- How does your relationship with Jesus help you avoid and escape jealousy and selfishness?



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