

A LAST REQUEST

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INTRO:

When it comes to having a last request or dying wish, there are different common requests people make. Someone on death row may request a last meal, a conversation with a loved one or for someone to care for a family member. Jesus asked John to care for his mother. Imagine the impact this would have on John's life. The request impacts the request maker and the individuals involved in honoring the request.

JOHN 17:11,20-23

Jesus had another last request. Five times in these verses Jesus asked the Father for all believers to be one as He and the Father are one. As means equal to.

- * This is the last night of His life.
- * His request is stated five times.
- * The goal is to achieve oneness: one in mind, purpose and life, as in marriage.
- * Honoring the request involves the Father and all believers.

Love and Glory (22-23)

How do we convince the world that we are of God and what we believe is true.

- * Glory – Jesus gave us His glory to make us one.
- * Love – God loves us as He loves Jesus (equal to) and, gave us a commandment to love each other the same way.
- * What are we willing to sacrifice to accomplish what Jesus Requested?