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Tekst: Johannes 4, 34
Ochtenddienst / middagdienst
Engelse dienst

Brothers and sisters,

- 1. Singing: Psalm 125: 1-3**
- 2. Lecture about 40 days: Luke 11: 14 -21**
- 3. Singing: Psalm 25: 7-10**
- 4. Reading of the law**
- 5. Singing: Psalm 77: 1 and 3**
- 6. Prayer for forgiveness of sins and renewal by the Holy Spirit**
- 7. Scripture Reading: John 4: 1 to 42**
- 8. Singing: Psalm 28: 4 and 5 (the Lord who is a force for his)**
- 9. Text: John 4: 34**
- 10. Singing: Psalm 63: 2 and 3 (on God's love and the energy it gives when you think about it)**
- 11. Thanksgiving and intercession**
- 12. Final Song: Gezang 163: 1-3 (NDA) Gezang 84 (90Gz)**

Middagdienst

- 1. Singing: Psalm 118: 1 and 5**
- 2. Prayer for blessing on the service**
- 3. Scripture Reading: John 4: 1 to 42**
- 4. Singing: Psalm 28: 4 and 5 (the Lord who is a force for his)**
- 5. Text: John 4: 34**
- 6. Singing: Gezang 163: 1-3 (84 90Gz GZ)**
- 7. Creed by the singing of Gezang Gz 179b (Gz 4 GK)**
- 8. Thanksgiving and intercession**
- 9. Final Song: Psalm 63: 2 and 3**

Beloved community of our Lord Jesus Christ, brothers and sisters, big and small,

What gives you energy? Where are you going to get energy, boys and girls? And where are you going to get energy from kids? Sometimes life can suck you empty. You ner according to real energy. You drag yourself forward. You do it yourself, but you have no pleasure in what you do. More and more bekruipt the question: where do I own genlijk for? I do my best, but nobody sees it. I do my best, but all I hear are negative sounds. I try to sentence people to create and bring my sacrifices. But as I that people have made their way, then I do not want to see. And the next time they want to restore their sense that I do. They see me as a man. As a man with his desires and his needs. His see me just as they need something from me. Why would I still do my best and to death? Nobody seems happy and I get nothing in return. I may as well stop. I may as well not. But still I walk in the way. A man can in this way, so be satisfied of negative feelings. You can ill. Literally.

If you are ill, and you come through the general aid to the law, you will get soon to answer the question: what gives you energy? The energy issue is also addressed in our text. The Lord Jesus is tired, so we read in verse 6. "Jesus was tired from the trip and was seated at the source, it was around noon." The students had gone into town to buy food, fresh 8. Students know that their Master tired. It is conceivable that he had told the students that he was tired and therefore the source would stay pending their return to the food. If the students are back from shopping, then they call upon the Lord, that he eats. 'Rabbi, you have something to eat. "And the reaction of Christ, that He has food that they do not know. The basic text shows that Jesus here on food that he not only at that time, but that he goes to food that he always has in his possession. Students should understand the words of their Master not. Like the Samaritan woman rather the words of Jesus on the water had not understood. Water for all your thirst away. What can that food that has Jesus? If the Lord is how they will be confused, then he tells them what food is. "My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to complete his work." I did this for you summarized as follows.

In doing God's will, is the life of God's children are carrying.

Who against one of his children says he will just have to do the dishes, can count on a strong protest of his child. The child has his own plans and there is no room for a boring class as the wash. Now, not only children who protest when they get something dedicated. Even among adults, this is very common. A church in which his head has a brother or sister to wear something on which he or she does not want to, can count on a lot of protests. But an employer that an employee something contract. Or a government that citizens something out. The emancipated man makes himself and his absence was only when he himself might be behind, he will do what he requested. Or if the penalties on the failure to carry out the mission of this nature, that it is very uncomfortable, then we eventually but we have no meaning in it. About the book Proverbs out naleest, which will notice how the obedience is recommended. How listening to good advice is advertised and how many times for their own wisdom, warned. Who simply does what it another task, which may even surprise from his environment such question: and you do just that? That you do not pick!

In our modern age is as good as something you do not man the law allows, but only does what you support. The modern man is itself the law and he is proud of it. But this modern thought and life is a serious jammer for life in faith. For life with the Lord. It is in our way in the words of the Lord Jesus really understand. And understand that I mean more than we realize mentally. By that I mean we understand these words so easily sympathize. So experienced. And there is in these words of the Lord Jesus for the modern man is a great mystery. How can you say that doing the will of another food for you?

Let us before we go into that question, first just pay attention to that word food. What image does the Lord Jesus calls us here? Food means different things for us know. To begin with food for any living creature something necessary thing. If our body does not receive food, we are powerless. We have the food necessary for our energy. But the Lord has given us a taste, so we can enjoy food. A good meal with good food for nearly every human being a party. Furthermore, a good meal, a feeling of satisfaction, of saturation. It gives a sense of calm. All these elements, we must now take the Lord Jesus speaks about his food: the making of the will of his station.

But that calls for the question: how can the Lord have such good feelings about doing the will of an Other? Especially when we look at the exact words he used. He called for how God here? He calls him his father or my God. No, he called Him Station. A transmitter sends someone with a contract. By God station called Jesus presents itself here on a servant of God. If the servant of God, which Isaiah had prophesied. This wording leaves the Lord so that He is true to its subject has Station.

Why is this man in such a joy to make the will of his station? Because there is a deep, intense and perfect love between the station and his servant. And the servant is there joy in his station as he can play with joy. And in the joy of his station, he finds himself renewed strength. There is a love between the transmitter and the servant that we here on earth in our broken world does not know. But by the grace of the Lord have many things in this life of such love before. For example in the courtship period. As we also signed in the Song. Where you find joy in making others happy. Your own will is he-Lemal not so important. "Shall we go out or we stay home?" "Oh, tell me." "If you're happy, I am too." Your joy is my joy. From this love between the transmitter and the Lord Jesus Himself lives. He lives there because he lives.

Here is a Knecht that his strength and his joy is in the completion of the contract which he has received from God. Jonah ever received an order from God. Jonah was afraid of what would happen if he would proclaim God's Word Nineve. Namely that people would repent and be saved.

But Jesus is true joy, strength and satisfaction in his job. He is also sent by God, He is also to discuss the findings and to call for repentance. But he believes there is joy in the people repent and be saved by God. He knows his station and he knows the hearts of his station. He knows the heart of his station is filled with desire for a lost humanity from many people to save. He knows the desire of his Station to these people, despite their sinful nature with which they were born and despite their sins that they do, to live together in a new covenant. In a new alliance in which they as children of God in the same circle of love to life as he now suggests. But before this is possible, before this union is the blood of these Knecht need arise. He will even have to see that wonderful relationship of love with his station, where

he finds his strength and joy is lost. The love for his station and love for his command so great that he is prepared to return temporarily from the circle of love to be ostracized.

The students were wondering if someone their Master had something to eat. No, nobody had brought him something to eat, but he had eaten. He had a Samaritan woman found a listening ear. He had spoken with her about living water that he could give and that the man who would drink a source of living water that would give eternal life. And this Samaritan had sought to water. All she had not understood. And when they had talked together about her men and the Messiah would come. And when Jesus had said that he was the Messiah, she had believed him. On that day, many Samaritans to believe in him by the testimony of the woman. But this conversation with this sinful woman, who, despite her desire was a sin to God and the Messiah, Jesus as that was for a meal was. He knew that in the sky with his joy Station was working on the insurance and the faith of these young women.

Currently in the church. It can sometimes be very disappointing. You want good things for the town, but you are not understood. You put in the church. You think together about how certain brothers and sisters that the path of the Lord have left, you can achieve. You try to be careful. You would try to act. Wisely, not only against the brother or sister themselves. But first point to the Lord. "Here, what is your word of pure love? What you ask of us? "Then you try the word of the Lord to interpret the brother or sister. In the hope that God's love is in the Word of God. Even if the Lord calls things that do not match with what the brother or sister want. You would try to act on the town again. And you welcome you to the sky and the brothers in the church when there is repentance and new obedience. And if the conversion fails? Then there is the inevitable sadness about the fact that the brother or sister has left the Lord. There is grief over the rejection of God's love. There is sadness about the fact that the other his life looking at a place where life is not permanent. But despite the sadness, there is still the joy that you are coming up for the honor and good name of your station. There is joy that you review them verblijdt Station. Even though there was not the result you had hoped.

But this is not just for pastors and elders. It applies to everyone in the church task. The task that the Lord in his favor him or her data has shown. I deliberately say: favor. Because it is not a miracle that God is on our imperfect, weak and sometimes weak service servants want to enable the completion of his work? We may cooperate in building the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. The state where he gave his blood for.

Our Lord made his strength and satisfaction in doing the will of his station. He searched the force in honor of the people. He was there in force looking for, then he certainly pulled out. He found his strength in the relationship with God. His service was marked by loving obedience. He knew his station. He knew his love and his wisdom. He knew the Word of God was full of love and wisdom of God. And so we also do well to carefully after hearing our Lord and Master to go. He is preceded us on the road to the Kingdom of God. And only in this way leads to the Kingdom of God. The eternal home. Where there is love in all its glory and rich lives. God's heart goes out to lost and weak people like you and me. He welcomes our conversion. I say, our conversion. Because we can do nicely in the church, but that does not mean that our hearts to God really is. That we find joy in doing God's will. And we like the Lord Jesus Kingdom of God also speak to the people who love God do not know. So that they know God's love and God to go to his love and loyalty.

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