



SERMONS



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Title: Triple Deck Verification

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Triple Deck Verification VERIFYING SOMETHING ON 3 LEVELS

In business it is operational , tactical , and strategic

1. Operational : Getting things done
2. Tactical , Managing the operational part of the business on a level that is financial and operational
3. Strategic Level. Managing the operational , the tactical and the financial levels

In a view of the above statement: Managing / Caring , the mother , the cross, and the son:

We have to show love , care and relationship on 3 levels

1. **The mother** , speaks of the previous generation , Speaks of those that are frail , but have a harvest of experience for the coming generation
2. **The cross** : speaks of a relationship that is laid down for both generations , the one is in its sun setting season and the one that is in its sun rising season
3. **The son**: Speaks of a generation that will raise up the next generations . A generation that will take care of the previous generation , whilst running with the mandate of the One on the cross.

The last 7 saying of Jesus on the Cross.

1. [Father forgive them, for they know not what they do \(Luke 23:34\).](#)
2. [Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise \(Luke 23:43\).](#)
3. [Woman, behold your son: behold your mother \(John 19:26-27\).](#)
4. [My God, My God, why have you forsaken me, \(Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34\).](#)
5. [I thirst \(John 19:28\).](#)
6. [It is finished \(John 19:30\).](#)
7. [Father, into your hands I commit my spirit \(Luke 23:46\).](#)

Traditionally, these seven sayings are called : (It mirrors the above 7 sayings)

1. 1 Forgiveness,
2. Salvation,
3. Relationship,
4. Abandonment,
5. Distress,
6. Triumph
7. Reunion

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The one we need to look at for tonight is:

Woman, behold your son:

- Why? It was one of the last words that He would utter before He died.
- Sets of four : four soldiers fighting over his clothes: John 19 vs. 23
- Set of four woman : His mother , His mother's sister , Mary , the wife of Clopas, Mary Magdalene
- In this moment, Jesus reminds us of God's concern for widows.
- Mary is a woman who needs the care of family, something God has always expected his community of faith to provide.
- To this point, Jesus' physical family has not come to faith ([John 7:1-5](#)). But as Jesus mentioned early in his ministry, his family was made up of those who do the will of God ([Matthew 12:48-50](#)).
- Jesus was making arrangements for His closest friend (His most faithful disciple) to treat Mary as if she was his own mother, to care for her in her later years—to do for her what society would expect for a son to do for his mother. And John agrees. Joseph along with the temple incident when Jesus was 12 years old, but then we never hear from Joseph again

This is one of the most amazing statements that you can find:

[John 19:25](#) Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.

[John 19:26](#) When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the **disciple standing by, whom he loved**, he saith unto his mother, **Woman, behold thy son!**

[John 19:27](#) Then saith he to the disciple, **Behold thy mother!** And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

Lets brake down some of these sentences

1. **There stood by the cross:** Place of death and humiliation
2. **The disciple that Jesus loved:** John called himself this to reflect his total obedience to the love walk in Christ and secondly the fact that Jesus loved him ! So when we pray we can say :
 - Lord , I , **the one that you love** come before you !
 - When you go for a job interview, you can say “ Jesus ,the one whom you love “ is going for an interview.
 - When you are not feeling ok, you can say , Jesus , the one whom you love “
 - When the trouble at home , you can say , Jesus , the one whom you love “
3. **WOMAN , your son :** Showing her compassion that she will be looked after
4. **Son , behold your mother:** The son was shown his responsibility to look after the mother who could not look after herself.

1 Timothy 5:8, *“But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”*

5. **From that hour:** John got it ! He got the fact that he had to care for those who could not care for themselves. It was an immediate reaction to the Lord's request.
6. **Took her to his home :** Jesus' death calls into existence a new community: a family of faith. This is a family tied together by their bond to the crucified Messiah and the character of God himself! The Lord's death is the beginning of a new family.
7. **John took her to his home:**
 - To care for her
 - Not just house , but generation
 - Receiving from the present generation ,Investing into their future and protecting the current generation.

And so the story continues , not finished yet , we have to complete the story.

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We have to take care of the generation that passed and invest in the generation that is coming

We have to verify our existence and our proliferation on all 3 levels .

This is what triple deck verification is all about.

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