Pray John 12:28 John 17:1-5 *“What shall we talk to our Father about?*” Father’s Day  
“lifting up His eyes”- typical Jewish manner (try it). The apostle heard this prayer.  
1. God’s glory should be our focus (v1)  
 a) “Father”- should be our normal address, “the hour”- starting with the cross (12:23,27, 13:1).  
 b) “glorify Your Son”- the cross/resurrection/ascension/seating/2nd Coming will profoundly reveal God.   
 His attributes will be supremely demonstrated. From His position of glory with glory, He is bringing   
 more glory to the Father by transforming people.  
 c) Our focus should be our Father’s glory. Any glory we receive is a platform for that.  
2. God’s control should be our confidence (v2)  
 a) Jesus glorifies the Father by imparting eternal life to people.  
 b) “gave”- 3X; The Father gave Jesus authority over all flesh (people with/weaknesses), “to all (singular)   
 you have given” (pf. chosen/predestined). They will believe in Christ & He will give them eternal life.  
 c) This should inspire humility over being one given to the Son & confidence that there are others who   
 through your influence will come to believe & be given eternal life.  
3. Knowing God is our goal (v3)  
 a) Eternal life is knowing the only true God (the Father) & Jesus Christ (the Son) whom the Father sent   
 into the world to provide the sacrifice to make eternal life possible. The Father & Son are equal.  
 b) Eternal life is a relationship that begins with a new birth, but has no end with experience & discovery.  
4. Accomplishing His work for us is our purpose (v4)  
 a) The Father gave (v2) the Son specific work to do: the last was the cross. He glorified the Father by   
 obeying & showing what the Father is like through these works.  
 b) Our Father has work for you to do & has or will give you the ability to do it. Discover & do it.  
5. Being with Him is our destination (v5)  
 a) “glorify Me together”- Jesus looked beyond the cross to returning back to the Father & share in all the   
 splendor He shared with the Father even before the world was created.  
 b) Our prayers, activities & motivation should keep in mind that glory that awaits God’s children.