
To Our Sons and Daughters In The Lord

This 'Foundations For Life' curriculum was written exclusively for you, our dear Texas Bible Institute students. You have our highest admiration for you have made "laying a strong foundation" in God your priority. You have postponed your college, career and ministry aspirations, but God will honor and accelerate you far beyond those who chose their natural plan. The decisions you are making during these treasured TBI months will determine the course of your life, marriage and future.

Determine today to become a student of the Bible. Ask the Holy Spirit to create in you a love for His Word. During your young, formative years, read and re-read this book until you've "made it your own." As you mature, these writings will serve as a reference for your own Sunday School classes, pulpits, books and missions fields. What joy!

Remember that we believe in you and "all scripture is inspired of God."

Pastors Tommy and Rachel Burchfield



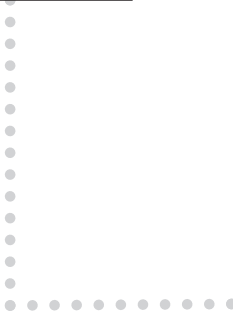
"And all your (spiritual) children shall be disciples — taught of the Lord (and obedient to His will),..." Is. 54:13 Amp.



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the New King James Version
unless otherwise denoted.



FOLLOW ME AND I WILL . . .

Everybody follows someone. Everybody lives for a cause. People are driven by different needs which consume their entire life; some grasp for wealth, power or fame; others simply need truth or love.

Each cause has a consequence. It sounds heroic to "fight for your country" until your brother is left to die on a bloody battlefield. Aspiring young actresses sell their soul for fame only to live in a lonely estate behind high-tech security cameras. Well-meaning fathers work two jobs to provide for their families...which they never get to enjoy because they are working two jobs.

At TBI, you will be challenged to evaluate and analyze the very core of your belief system. For many years you have been taught what to believe and how to live. Now it is your turn to decide for yourself. Dare to dream. Reflect. Study. Pray. When you're finished, your cause will be determined and your adventure will begin. Go slow. You will forever live with the consequences of your choices.

Everyone follows someone. Everyone lives for a cause. Some are honorable. Some are selfish. In preparing for your destiny, there is one absolute to keep in mind. Whether honorable or not, your leader's cause will consume your entire schedule, emotional reserve and finances.

Choose your leader carefully.

Chapter

1

**In This Chapter
You Will Learn:**

World Religions

Revolutionaries
For A Cause

20 Reasons To
Follow Jesus

Following
Jesus,
The Son Of God

Who Will You Follow?

Greek Philosophers

"Follow me. I am searching for the way."

Socrates - a great Greek philosopher and teacher who taught his students by asking them questions rather than telling them answers.

Plato - An ancient Greek philosopher; student of Socrates and author of "The Republic," which describes an ideal government.

Aristotle - A great Greek philosopher and student of Plato. He writes about many subjects, including politics, science and literature and placed particular importance on the direct observation of the natural and political world.

World Religions and Their Leaders

"Follow me. I know the way."

Buddha - The Buddha was a holy man in ancient India. His teachings became a major religion in Asia. Buddhists seek wisdom, meaning, inner peace, and freedom from desire through physical and spiritual discipline.

Hinduism - the ancient religion of India. Hindus believe that the soul is reborn into a new body after death through a process called reincarnation. The major religious goal of Hindus is to escape the cycle of death and rebirth so that the soul may be released into eternity. Some Hindus worship one god or goddess, while others worship many god and goddesses.

Confucius - an ancient Chinese teacher whose wisdom developed a system of ethics which grew into an important religion throughout China and Japan called Confucianism.

Mohammed - the Arabian prophet whose teachings in the Koran are the basis of Islam, the major religion of the Arab countries, central Asia, and Indonesia. Muslims (or Moslems) believe in strict obedience to the will of God, or ALLAH. Prayer, fasting and giving gifts to the poor are central to their faith.

Taoism - An important religion of China based on the writings of Lao-Tzu. It stresses meditation and serenity in the face of life's troubles.

Judaism - An important religion of Israel believing in one God and based on the teachings of the Old Testament.

Modern Day Religions

“Follow me. This is a new way.”

Humanism - The belief that all necessary strength and inspiration comes from the inner consciousness of man.

New Age Movement - A "new" realm of enlightened thinking which has exploded into America over the past twenty years. Its roots come from classic Hindu thought.

Satanism
Jehovah's Witnesses
Scientology
Unity School

Mormonism
Christian Science
Astrology
Baha'i Faith

Religion
keeps man
crawling.

Dr. T.L. Osborn,
World Missionary
Statesman,
Preached 70 years
in 90 countries

God's Plan For Man

"Follow me. I AM the way."

"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE; NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME."

- Jesus Christ, John 14:6

Jesus Christ - Claimed to be the Son of God sent to redeem mankind from sin. His teachings are recorded in the Holy Bible and have become the foundation of Christianity, the major religion of Europe and North and South America. Jesus is the only prophet who claims power over death having been seen by 500 witnesses following His crucifixion.

What Did Jesus Say?

Self Denial

Jesus said, *"Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."*
- Mark 8:34 NKJV

Jesus said, *"If any of you wants to be my follower," He told them, "you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow me."* - Mark 8:34 LVB

Extreme Allegiance

"If you want to be my follower you must love me more than your own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, more than your own life. Otherwise you cannot be my disciple. And you cannot be my disciple if you do not carry your own cross and follow me." - Luke 14:26-27 LVB

A Rich Young Ruler

A rich young ruler chooses religious rules over a relationship with Jesus. - Luke 18:18-23 NKJV

Christianity is not
a religion.
It is a relationship
with Jesus Christ.

Leaders and Revolutionaries of the Twentieth Century

What are you living for? What is your cause? History records multitudes of men and women who lived their entire lives fighting for a CAUSE they passionately embraced. Some were evil causes while others were honorable. Their commitment to their CAUSE changed the world.

CAUSES - Good, Bad, and Ugly

Vladimar Ilyich LENIN (1870-1924) - Leader of the communist party and led Russia into revolution.

Margret SANGER (1879-1966) - Crusaded to legalize birth control and spurred the movement for women's liberation.

Adolf HITLER (1889-1945) - Dictator of Nazi Germany, starting World War II and created a "Final Solution" to the "Jewish Problem" which brutally murdered 6,000,000 Jews.

Mao ZEDONG (1893-1976) - First leader of Communist China, quoted to say, "To rebel is justified."

Martin Luther KING, Jr. (1929-1968) - Civil rights leader advocating nonviolent answers to racism.

Ayatullah Ruhollah KHOMEINI (1902-1989) - Leader of Iran's religious revolution defying Western ways.

Nelson MANDELA (1918-) - Known as the world's most famous prisoner. South Africa's president received the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize for dismantling apartheid.

Mohandas GHANDI (1869-1948) - Greatest political and spiritual leader of modern India. Using nonviolent methods, he led India to independence from 190-year British rule.

"There are more Christian martyrs today than there were in 100AD - in the Roman Empire.

An estimated 165,000 Christians were martyred for their faith in 2000."

David BEN-GURION (1886-1973) - Prime Minister and founding father of the new nation of Israel. His leadership altered the destiny of the Jewish people and the Middle East forever.

MOTHER TERESA - A Roman Catholic nun, who gave her life living in poverty-stricken streets of India. Won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

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| Patriotic Liberty | Little League |
| Animal Rights | Muscular Dystrophy |
| Civil Rights | Cancer Research |
| Gay Rights | Research |
| Women's Rights Movement | Literacy in America |
| American Indian Rights | The cause of convenience |
| Environmentalists | Financial Security |
| The Arts | Hedonism |
| | Materialism |
| | The Cause of Christ |

"Contrary to many university educators, Jesus did claim to be the Son of God and that claim is central to everything else He did or said."

Josh McDowell,
Campus Crusade
For Christ

A shepherd boy, named David was about 17 years old when he saw God's covenant people being intimidated by Goliath and shouted,

"IS THERE NOT A CAUSE?"

- 1 Samuel 17:29

- Cause** (*koz*)
1. A person, thing, or event that makes something happen.
 2. Something in which many people are interested and to which they give their support.

20 Reasons To Follow Jesus

1. **Jesus claimed to be God and was put to death for this claim.** (*Matthew 26:63-65, Philippians 2:6*)
2. **He lived a sinless life which is humanly impossible.** (*John 8:41-47, Ephesians 2:2, 1 John 3:8*)
3. **No one has so influenced history.**
(*Luke 2:25-38*)
4. **Repeated testimony of personal experience.**
(*John 4:42*)
5. **God is our creator and His plan for man was to follow Jesus.** (*John 3:16, 1 John 3:8*)
6. **Jesus proved His deity by performing miracles.**
(*Romans 1:3-4, Matthew 3:11, Isaiah 11:2, 35:5-6, 61:1, John 5:36, Acts 10:38*)
7. **Jesus was raised from the dead.**
(*Romans 1:3-4, Luke 24:1-3, Matthew 28*)
8. **Angelic confirmation of Jesus' resurrection.**
(*Luke 24:4-8, Mark 16:6, Matthew 28:5-6*)
9. **Jesus appeared to 514 people after His resurrection.** (*1 Corinthians 15:1-8*)
10. **God acknowledged Jesus' deity.**
(*Matthew 3:17, 17:5*)

"My Savior is so deeply written in my heart that if my heart were to be cut open and chopped to pieces, the name of Jesus would be written on every piece."

Ignatius,
A student of John,
Devoured by wild
animals in Rome,
III AD

11. **Demons acknowledged Jesus' deity.**
(Matthew 8:29, Mark 3:11, 5:7)
12. **Jesus confirmed Peter's revelation of Christ's deity.** *(Matthew 14:33, 16:16)*
13. **Josephus, a respected Jewish historian, acknowledged Jesus' birth, miracles, crucifixion, and resurrection.**
(Josephus, Ant. of the Jews, Pg 535,3)
14. **Jesus claimed He was sent by His Father 43 times in the gospel of John.**
15. **Jesus' definition of sin is "not believing in Him."**
(John 16:9)
16. **Jesus died for our sins.** *(1 Peter 2:24)*
17. **Jesus was resurrected for our justification.**
(Romans 5:10, 1 Corinthians 15:1-23)
18. **Fulfillment of 456 detailed prophecies concerning the birth, life, death, and eternal ministry of Jesus Christ.**
(Malachi 3:1, Psalms 118:22, 22:7-8, 69:21, Isaiah 53:4-7, Zechariah 11:12, 12:10)
19. **You will stand before the judgement seat of Christ one day.** *(Romans 14:9-12)*
20. **Jesus is God's answer to a hurting world.**

Jesus believed He
was the Son of God.

His followers
will do the same.

1 John 2:6

Chapter

2

**In This Chapter
You Will Learn:**

How To Go To
Heaven

Evidence Of
Real Salvation

Religion vs.
Relationship

**Following Jesus
Your Savior**

Ten Highlights of Jesus' Life

- 1 The Manger
- 2 Childhood
- 3 Water Baptism
- 4 Spirit Baptism
- 5 Desert Temptations
- 6 Miracle Ministry
- 7 Teaching Ministry
- 8 Garden of Gethsemane
- 9 Calvary's Cross
- 10 Heaven

A Supernatural Birth

Reading Assignments: Luke 2:1-7, John 3:1-7

Adventure (*ad ven' cher*)

1. an unusual or exciting experience
2. a bold and difficult undertaking, usually exciting and somewhat dangerous.

During this great adventure, you will visit and experience the ten highlights of Jesus' earth life. Each "roadstop" will provide an invaluable lesson on the adventures of following Jesus.

Your first visit is to a manger in Israel that stands beside a small motel. From all outward appearances, it looks small and insignificant. It is occupied by a few animals which were probably owned by the traveling guests of the innkeeper.

The streets are filled with people hurrying to their hometown, Bethlehem, for a required census. They are too busy rushing to be counted to realize the most supernatural event of earth in history is about to occur. A birth is about to take place; not a natural birth, but the supernatural birth of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Heaven rejoiced and a special host of angels made a spectacular earth announcement! The baby Jesus was welcomed by a few shepherds and traveling Magi, but the rest of the world rushed on... trying to be counted.

Everything about Jesus' human birth was supernatural. His mother, Mary, was a young virgin. Do you realize what that means? She got pregnant by the Holy Ghost without having sex with her fiancé, Joseph.

Sitting in a church
doesn't make you
a Christian
any more than
sitting in a garage
makes you a car.

Just like “baby” Jesus, your adventure must begin with a supernatural birth. The Bible calls this birth the “born again” experience.

What Being Born Again is NOT:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

What Being Born Again IS:

1. The birth of your _____
2. The re-birth of your eternal _____
3. “delivered from the power of _____ and _____ into the kingdom of His dear Son” *Colossians 1:13*
4. A supernatural _____
5. Just like Jesus was born inside of _____, Jesus’ spirit being born in _____.
6. Exchanging your cloak of _____ for a _____ of righteousness

Jesus didn’t come
to make bad people
good,
but dead people
alive.

Eph. 2:1

Q **When did Mary conceive?**

A *Read Luke 1:38.* Mary gave God permission to let Jesus be born in her.

Q **When do you get truly born again?**

A When you give God permission to let Jesus be born in you.

5 **Reasons Why People Get Born Again**

- 1.** To go to Heaven
- 2.** For fear of hell
- 3.** To be with loved ones already in Heaven
- 4.** To discover their destiny
- 5.** Recognizing their sinful state, man reaches out for a savior

You won't get into heaven because you're so good, but because He's so good.

My Personal Story

Some people have an emotional conversion. They are distraught over their state of sin. Sobbing loud tears of repentance, they go to an altar and get gloriously saved. Shouts of joy are heard throughout the church and everyone rejoices.

My salvation experience was quite different. God turned my heart towards eternal things at the young age of twelve. Probing questions of life consumed me. Why was I born? Is there really a God? What is my purpose in life? These questions drove me crazy! I was searching for something. A growing awareness of God's love and purpose for my life began to unfold. I was scared. I knew that Jesus was God's salvation for me, but I didn't want to pay the price. It seemed to be too much for a fun-loving seventh grader.

That Special Moment

After one year of counting the cost, I became totally convinced of my need for a savior. One night in my bedroom, all by myself, I asked Jesus to come into my heart. I waited. Nothing seemed to happen. I was a little disappointed, but I was sleepy and just went to sleep.

I didn't think God was listening.

The next night I tried the same prayer. "Jesus, come into my heart." Again, nothing. No floods of joy. No angels singing the "Hallelujah Chorus." I shrugged my shoulders and went to sleep.

76% Christians
accepted Christ
during their
teens.

Barna Research
Group, Inc.

God must not save Methodists.

Why couldn't I seem to get saved? Since most of my godly influences were Baptists, I wondered if God had rejected my prayer because I was too young... or Methodist. I tried one more night, in my dark bedroom to ask Jesus into my heart. NOTHING.

That's when I got mad.

Confused with my lack of emotion and salvation experience I had observed others received, I got mad at God. I was sincerely praying and He wasn't even cooperating!

I told God off!

I told God on the fourth night that it wasn't fair for Him to save my Baptist friends and not me, a good-hearted Methodist. I told Him that I had been trying for three nights to get saved. I told Him that I was going to get saved whether He wanted me to or not! I told God, "From this moment on, I am going to be saved. When I wake up I was going to act saved whether I was or not." Indignantly, I prayed my prayer and went to bed!

The next morning, something strange happened.

When I woke up, I immediately began my drama. "Thank God I'm saved," I said. I determined in my heart that I was going to tell my friends at school that I had gotten saved. As I brushed my dish-water brown hair, I looked into the mirror and thought, "Today's going to be a great day - whether God likes it or not. I got saved last night." All of a sudden, a bubble of joy seemed to just pop inside of me. I was going to get to be saved all day.

Being saved means
a fresh start with a
brand new heart.

Thank God for the truth!

Somewhere along the way, some nice person explained to me that God did love Methodists as well as young seventh grades! In only a few days I was overjoyed to discover that I didn't have to "act" saved anymore. I really WAS saved and would follow Jesus forever.

Salvation is not determined by crying, shouting, or shaking. Salvation occurs the split second one believes in his heart that Jesus is God's Son:

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved: for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

– Romans 10:9-10

II Corinthians 5:17 - _____

Colossians 1:13 - _____

Romans 10:13 - _____

Religion revolves
around a program.
Christianity revolves
around a person.

5 Evidences of True Salvation

1. **Desire to do right.** Now that you are saved, Jesus' spirit is living inside you. It will bother you (on the inside) to do wrong things like lie or cheat on a test. When you do right, you'll sense an internal joy. That is because you have pleased Jesus.
2. **Desire to read the Bible.** Even if the Bible seems to be hard to understand, you will desire to learn more. You'll look to God's Word for direction, love, and healing.
3. **Desire to go to church.** Sinners don't want to go to church anymore than believer's want to go to a nightclub. Your sin nature was exchanged for righteousness. Loving the house of God proves that you are born again.
4. **Desire to spend time with believers.** As you grow in salvation, you'll treasure friendships with other believers. Your "old" friends will accuse you of changing. You have! You're following Jesus now, and He's changing you from the inside out.
5. **Sorrow when you make a bad choice.** Everyone makes mistakes. The fact that you feel bad on the inside proves that Jesus' spirit lives in you. Your sin made Jesus sad, but He still loves you.



Sonia
TBI - 1999

"As a young, skinny, black kid, I was so lost, so confused and so desperate, that I could only find my destiny through following Jesus."

WHAT'S IT REALLY MEAN TO BE SAVED?

Check the words that are synonymous with the term saved.

- ☐ sanctified
- ☐ born again
- ☐ justified
- ☐ atoned (atonement)
- ☐ forgiven
- ☐ heaven-bound
- ☐ redeemed
- ☐ a new creation
- ☐ delivered from kingdom of darkness

Jesus experienced a
Supernatural birth.

His followers
will do the same.

1 John 2:6

Chapter

3

**In This Chapter
You Will Learn:**

How To Hear
God's voice

The Foolishness
Of Rebellion

Ten Benefits
Of Obedience

Following Jesus
Your Master

Learning Obedience

Learning obedience will become one of your greatest secrets of strength. Jesus had to learn and so will you. Following Jesus' example will not always be easy. It certainly will not always be fun.

Jesus was a little boy. He knew the temptation to play in the wrong yard or be late for dinner. With many younger brothers and sisters in his family, He probably experienced anger and jealousy.

Jesus was human. He dealt with fleshy appetites, rebellion towards authority and even sexual lusts. He struggled with right and wrong. How do I know?

"For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

– Hebrews 4:15

"And Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."

– Luke 2:52

Learning Obedience To Authority

Jesus learned to obey His earthly parents. He worked with His father, Joseph, in a carpenter shop. I suppose Mary told Jesus often of His miracle manger birth, the visit from the shepherds and the Wise Men's journey. As He neared the age of twelve He had an awareness that there was something "different" about Him. Jesus began to recognize who He really was, His mandate and His upcoming

ministry. An important story is recorded concerning His obedience to earthly authority.

Reading Assignment: Luke 2:41-52

- 1. How many miles did Jesus’ family journey by foot from Nazareth to Jerusalem? _____
- 2. How many days did Mary and Joseph look for Jesus? _____
- 3. How do we know Jesus recognized He was different from other twelve-year-old boys? _____
- 4. What three words describe Jesus in verse 49? _____
- 5. In spite of His heavenly assignment, how do we know that Jesus obeyed His earthly parents? _____

“Though He was a Son, yet learned obedience by the things which He suffered;”

– Hebrews 5:8

When Jesus was 30 years old, the Hebrew age of manhood, He and His mother went to a wedding. It was carefully recorded by the Holy Spirit that against His will Jesus obeyed His mother's request!

You don’t live
for Jesus one day
at a time,
but one choice
at a time.

“Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.”

– John 2:4 (KJV)

“Jesus said, “Is that any of our business, mother-yours or mine? This isn’t my time. Don’t push me.”

– John 2:4 (Message)

As you follow Jesus, you must also learn obedience:

1. **Obedience to parents**
2. **Obedience to God-placed authority figures (faculty, deans, employers)**
3. **Obedience to God’s inner voice**

Obedience doesn’t occur naturally. It is something that you must learn. Learning obedience is like learning to ride a bicycle. The consequences of falling off (or disobeying) hurt and leave scars, but the rewards are incredible.

Learning obedience is much easier when you trust the one to whom you are submitting. When you are fully persuaded in their wisdom and love for you, obedience comes easier.



John G.
TBI - 1998

"When Jesus convicted me
about my music, I was scared
He'd make me listen to gospel
hymns. Now I understand
Jesus likes Christian rap!"

Obedience is Progressive

God's plan of learning obedience is wonderful and simple. You are first asked to obey your parents, those who love you as unconditionally as possible. Their voices are audible and "in your face" constantly. Their motive, for the most part, is to develop you for good success in life. They have been where you've never been and experienced things you have not. Their wisdom comes from years of following God's Word. Wisdom also comes from the "school of hard knocks," so even if your parents are not born again, their wisdom and love for you is worth your attention.

At some point in your "learning obedience" stage, your parents will ask you to do something that you don't want to do. Some of you learned about the curses of disobedience (spanking) when you were two. Some of you have yet to learn! But if you are committed to follow Jesus, you WILL learn obedience.

Submission means, "I trust you more than I want my way." Even as a child you learned that simple acts of obedience brought you applause and positive recognition.

Salute the Position, Not the Person

As you get older, God puts other people in your life to "teach you obedience;" teachers, coaches, RA's, youth leaders, etc. It is important for you to understand that God is the one who puts these people in your life to develop you and motivate you to be your best. Some of them love you. Some of them don't. An important secret to learn is to salute the position, not the person. Soldiers quickly learn to salute their officers whether they like them or not.

When conflict arises, you need to learn that God is using those people to expose weak areas of your life. Don't resist

God is smarter
than me.

their correction. Don't get mad or stomp out of the room. God is molding you into a champion.

Young stallions are worthless until they are broken over a long period of time. They must become completely obedient to the leading of the master rider. At that point, the painful bit is removed from their mouth and they become champions for all to admire. The training was tedious, but the rewards are magnificent.

The Ultimate Level

As beneficial as external obedience is, God's ultimate goal is to develop your internal obedience. Your parents won't always be close to give you advice. As you mature, those external voices will fade, and that small, internal voice will "lead you in the way you should go." This is the voice of Jesus. With instant obedience you should obey His voice.

**"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way
which thou shalt go: I will counsel thee
with mine eye upon thee."**

– Psalm 32:8

2 Voices Of Authority

1. **External Authority**
Parents, Pastors, Employer
2. **Internal Authority**
Holy Spirit, your human spirit

Obedience
Brings Joy!

10 Rewards of Obedience	
Success	“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” – Joshua 1:8
Honoring God's Plan	“Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice...” – I Samuel 15:22
Heaven	“Not everyone who says to Me, “Lord, Lord,” shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.” – Matthew 7:21
You're God's Treasure	“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people.” – Exodus 19:5
Healing	“And he said, If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you.” – Exodus 15:26

If you refuse to submit
to the internal voice
of authority,
you will forever
be controlled by
external voices.

Blessings Overtake You	“and all these blessings shall come upon thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of Jehovah thy God.” – Deuteronomy 28:1-2
Blessed In All You Do	“But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.” – James 1:25
Long Life	“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: 3 “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” – Ephesians 6:1-3
Abundance	“If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land.” – Isaiah 1:19-20
God Will Reveal Himself	“He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” – John 14:21

Learning Obedience Wasn't Fun

My father was a very strict man. Although our home was very loving, there was no doubt who was in charge. Mama took us to the Methodist church, but Daddy stayed home and worked two jobs so he could put three daughters through college. Since Daddy was not saved, I was certain that I did not have to obey him. Obviously, I should obey my new Heavenly Father, right? Wrong!

God put His loving thumb on me throughout my teenage years. Whenever I got an attitude towards Daddy, Jesus would not allow it to stay. Daddy always thought that we played too much, our skirts were too short (they were), and we wasted too much time on the phone. He bought my two sisters and me a sand-timer which was supposed to be our telephone limit. What teenage girl in the universe can limit her call to a three-minute sand capsule? My dad's absurd restrictions were certainly going to wreck my social life.

My first experience with God's Voice

The first time that I remember "learning obedience" by my internal authority was when I was fourteen. While on the phone with "God-only-knows-who," the sand timer was running out, so I flipped it over in case Daddy walked in. There was the slightest "cringe" on my inside. I ignored it. Three minutes later, I flipped it over again so that I wouldn't get in trouble for talking too long on the phone. Again, I sensed this internal cringing. It felt like the time in 7th grade when my favorite teacher caught me cheating on a test, or that sick feeling

Before you rip
**"Honor your father
 and mother"**
 out of your Bible, read
 the back of that page.
 It contains the
"Armor of God!"
 Your submission
 guarantees
 God's protection.

in your gut when your baseball goes through the window that your mom told you not to play near. Ugh!

Wondering if this "cringing" was Jesus (my new Master) talking to me, I began to rationalize to Him the way I did with external authority (Dad):

Excuse #1 "Jesus, it's absurd to require a teenage girl to curtail her phone call to three minutes."

Excuse #2 My sisters flip the sand-timer constantly, so why can't I?

Excuse #3 Daddy's not even saved, so why should I have to obey him, anyway?

None of my excuses made me feel better. I was "suffering" on my inside. I didn't know that icky feeling was a "grieving in my spirit."

"Though he was a Son, yet learned obedience by the things which he suffered"

– Hebrews 5:8

"And though she was a daughter, Rachel learned obedience by the things which she suffered."

– RCB 5:8

The internal suffering is God's way of developing you as a great champion. There is no limit to the man or woman who has determined to obey God's internal voice of authority.

That's it! Enough suffering. "Lord, I don't want to obey this stupid sand-timer rule, but I will because You are making me. No more flipping the timer. No more 4-minute (or 30) phone calls. I want inner relief more than I want to be on the phone.

**Delayed Obedience
is Disobedience.**

I WILL OBEY

Whew! I did it,...and I meant it with my whole heart...

Similar to my conversion, I sensed no angelic choir, no lightning streaks across the sky, and certainly no emotional outbursts. What I did sense was a deep internal joy that, over several days, began to erupt like a time-released volcano. I was overcome with joy unspeakable. Obedience brought me overflowing joy and within a few days, Daddy gave up trying to control the blossoming social lives of 3 teenage daughters and paid for a second phone line!

I LEARNED QUICKLY THAT IF I WOULD
HONOR MY INTERNAL AUTHORITY (God),
GOD WOULD HANDLE MY
EXTERNAL AUTHORITY.

(Daddy)



- Jennifer Berry -
Miss America 2006

"I want to know that I've
made an impact on young
women, especially as they
become everything God
wants them to be."

There were four other significant personal breakthroughs I had in God's quest to develop His internal voice of authority in me, but this chapter will not permit us to record them. Students, ask me in class to tell you:

Story #14 "Waterskiing and Jail"

Story #7 "Front Doors and Funerals"

Story #8 "A Miserable Kiss"

Story #20 "Camper in a Cage"

Learning obedience is not easy. There is a suffering that occurs in the developing process. There will be even more suffering for those of you who never learn.

Do yourself a favor. Learn quickly the joys of total obedience. What will God talk to you about? Attitudes, your choice of friends, clothes, music, future dreams and career plans. He will talk about anything that will weigh you down or accelerate you on this great adventure called discipleship.

Jesus experienced a
Supernatural birth.

His followers
will do the same.

1 John 2:6

Chapter

4

**In This Chapter
You Will Learn:**

What Water
Baptism Means

Going Public
For Jesus

Six Questions
About
Water Baptism

Following Jesus
Your Leader

Going Public

Following Jesus is quite easy when you simply do what He did in the Gospels. Let's follow the example of Jesus, our new leader. After His obscure childhood years, Jesus knew it was time to prepare for His ministry. Everything He did was an example for us to follow.

In Matthew Chapter 3, we find the record of Jesus being baptized in water. Why would the perfect Son of God be baptized in water? Primarily, to establish a divine picture in each of us of what it represented. Secondly, Jesus as the Son of Man, had to humble Himself to that watery grave and accept His assignment on earth.

What Water Baptism Is:

1. Going _____ for Jesus.
2. Symbol of the death, burial, and resurrection available for all _____.
3. Declaring "I have a new _____."
4. A _____, not a suggestion.
5. _____ expression of previous _____ experience.

What Water Baptism Is Not:

1. Not essential for _____. – *1 Cor. 1:13-21*
2. Does not _____ away your sins.
3. Membership for a _____.
5. _____ dedication.

Are You Ready For Water Baptism?

- _____ Do you believe Jesus died, was buried, and resurrected?
- _____ Have you changed Masters?
(slave of sin or slave of Jesus)
- _____ Do you want to boldly announce that Jesus is your new master?
- _____ Do you understand that water baptism does not wash away your sins?
- _____ Have you repented of your sins?
- _____ Do you understand that the water is a symbol of a grave? You are being buried with Him and raised up to live in His power.

6 Questions Most Frequently Asked About Water Baptism

Q Should I be baptized in water since I was too young to understand at the time?

A My personal opinion is, “yes.” Following Jesus’ example in water baptism is a public expression of private commitments.

Q Does it matter who baptizes me or where?

A People get baptized in church, rivers, or swimming pools. Any water tanks or body of water will suffice. Among the highest honors you can give a pastor or youth pastor is to allow him to baptize one of his “sheep.” It’s a great way to say, “thank you.”

He who walks before
the eyes of God
will never fear
the lips of man.

Are you really sorry,
or just sorry you
got caught?

Jesus announced
His Master through
water baptism.

His followers
will do the same.

1 John 2:6

Q
A

What if my parents or pastor disagrees with my decision?

This might be a time when honor overrides obedience. Water baptism announces that, although you honor many people, you obey only Jesus. Stay sweet in your spirit.

Q
A

Should I do anything specific after I have been water baptized?

Write the date of your water baptism in your Bible and/or journal. You might consider writing or calling other people who greatly influenced you to tell them the good news."

Q
A

How did Bro. Tommy get water baptized?

Bro. Tommy's mom tells about Tommy being 5 years old and attending an old-fashioned outdoor Easter service in Lucedale, Mississippi. Having heard the invitation, Tommy ran into the river in his new Easter suit and got baptized.

Q
A

When did you get baptized?

Not being taught any specifics or having a youth pastor, I got baptized in Galveston Bay with about five high school "Jesus freaks." We all baptized each other! It certainly lacked protocol, but we knew we were telling the world that we were going to follow Jesus forever.

Read Romans Chapter 6

Chapter

5

**In This Chapter
You Will Learn:**

The Baptism In
The Holy Ghost

How To Stay
Strong For God

The 8 Titles Of The
Holy Spirit

**Following Jesus
Your Baptizer**

Power For The Trip

“And Jesus, when baptized, went straight away out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: And lo a voice from Heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

– Matthew 3:16-17

This is the Bible account of Jesus being baptized in the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is the miracle-working Spirit that controlled Jesus. Jesus was the Son of God, yet for 30 years He did no mighty miracles. Jesus’ miracle ministry began when He received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is a separate experience from salvation or water baptism. John the Baptist said that Jesus would soon be baptizing (enabling, immersing, enduing) people in the Holy Ghost and with fire. After His three-year miracle ministry, Jesus gave His disciples a strong commandment. *“Go preach to all the world, but don't begin until you receive the power necessary from the Holy Ghost.”*

Reading assignment: Acts 1:1-8, Acts 2:1-21

Every profession has appropriate tools to get their job completed. A mechanic needs tools to work with cars and a dentist needs certain tools to clean your teeth. The baptism of the Holy Ghost provides you the necessary tools to live boldly for God and reach your world with the gospel.

There are many misconceptions about the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Some people think that you have to shake or roll on the floor to receive, but this is not the case. When I was sixteen, my “Jesus freak” friends told me that people at a house prayer meeting would receive the Holy Spirit by sitting in a chair and waiting for the Holy Spirit to fall. When He would fall from Heaven the person would fall from his chair into a heap on the floor as if he were dead. I wasn’t sure that I wanted the Holy Ghost.

What the Baptism in the Holy Ghost IS:

1. A gift of _____ from Jesus.
2. A _____ experience to salvation.
3. An _____ experience with an _____ expression.
4. A prayer _____.

What the Baptism in the Holy Ghost IS NOT:

1. Manifestations of the Holy Ghost such as crying, jerking, or trembling.
2. Falling out in the spirit.
3. Joining a church.

The Purpose of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost:

1. To receive power to _____.
2. To receive prayer _____.

God’s gift to sinners
is Jesus.
God’s gift to believers
is the Holy Ghost.

Although many people do experience other manifestations of the Holy Ghost while receiving this wonderful gift, it is not to be confused with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. People who receive the baptism will speak in tongues eventually.

How to Receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost

When you receive Jesus, the Holy Ghost moved into your spirit (the eternal part of you that communicates with God). You already have the Holy Ghost when you got saved, but the baptism of the Holy Ghost is when the Holy Ghost has you!

1 Be certain that you are saved.

The Lord only fills what He owns. Have you given Jesus permission to own you? Control you? Consume you? If so, then Jesus has a gift for you

2 Ask for this wonderful gift!

John 14:26 refers to the baptism of the Holy Ghost as a gift from Jesus to His believers. To receive any gift you simply need to reach out (by faith) and ask for Him. The Holy Ghost is not an “it.” He is a person. Jesus is giving Him to help you do the job you've been asked to do.

—
“God only fills
what He owns.”
—

There’s a miracle
on the other side of
your obedience.

“If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them who ask Him”

— Luke 11:11

3 Reach out by faith and receive

You are not a beggar. You are a believer. After you have asked for the Holy Ghost be thankful and get excited. You have just received this wonderful Gift; this Power for the trip. Don't wait for any feelings. You asked and God answers prayer.

4 Speak out by faith in tongues

Your prayer language will come out of your spirit, not your head. Don't wait for lightning to hit you or for someone to vibrate your tongue. As you do your part and begin to speak out loud, God will do His part and expand your prayer language. Forget everyone surrounding you and worship. Thank Jesus for this wonderful Gift; this Helper. Don't praise in English. Pray in the Spirit.

5 Maybe a trickle, maybe a tidal wave

Just as babies begin speaking with one or two syllables, your prayer language might begin small. My first prayer language was "Ke-ah." That's all I got for two weeks, but I kept worshipping God with that word. My friend, Susan, was next to show me shouting in a full "tidal wave" language. I got discouraged, but in time I also worshiped God in other tongues.

6 Accept the responsibility

Following Jesus is a great adventure, but it is also a great responsibility. You have received a great Gift, a treasure in your earthen vessel. I refer to your prayer language as a box of matches. Speaking in tongues will fan the fire of God in you. The fire of God will burn out your sin, but will also begin a passion that will consume your every thought. How big of a fire do you want? Pray much in the Holy Ghost.

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 “Are you
 Holy Ghost filled
 or
 Holy Ghost spilled?”

The TITLES of the Holy Ghost

1. *Spirit of Truth*
John 16:13
2. *The Comforter*
John 14:26
3. *The Helper*
John 14:26 (Amplified)
4. *The Intercessor*
John 14:26 (Amplified)
5. *The Advocate*
John 14:26 (Amplified)
6. *The Strengthenener*
John 14:26 (Amplified)
7. *The Standby*
John 14:26 (Amplified)
8. *The Spirit of Christ*
Romans 8:9, I Peter 1:11



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"Staying filled with the Spirit while in college protected me from a lot of distractions and emotional junk."

"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost"

– Jude vs. 20

Overview of the Baptism
in the Holy Spirit

- Jn. 7:38 Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as an inner river.
- Jn. 14:16 Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit.
- Jn. 16: 7-15 Jesus explains purpose of Holy Spirit.
- Acts 1:8 Jesus prepares believers to receive.
- Acts 2:4 Holy Spirit moves to earth to live inside of believers.
Result: zeal, boldness, tongues, souls saved, freedom from man’s opinion.
- Acts 2:38 Peter says the Holy Spirit is for everyone throughout the generations.
- Acts 4:31 During prayer, disciples were **refilled**, the building shook, the Word preached with boldness
- Acts 9:17 Saul of Tarsus (Paul) received the Holy Spirit’s power
- Acts 10:44 The Holy Spirit fell upon Gentiles as Peter preached.
- Acts 19 Paul asked, “Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?” proving the BHS is different from salvation.

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Types of Tongues

1. A prayer language

Rm. 8:26, Jude vs. 20, Acts 2:4

2. The Gift of Tongues

I Cor. 12:10, I Cor. 14:27

Jesus relied on the Holy Spirit’s power daily.

His followers will do the same.

1 John 2:6

Chapter

6

**In This Chapter
You Will Learn:**

Life's MOST
Important Decision

Desert
Temptations

Flesh vs. Satan

Dealing With
Sex, Sickness,
or Shyness

Following Jesus
The Word

Winning Flesh Fights Every Time

Reading Assignments:

**Romans Ch. 6-8, I Corinthians 10:13,
James 1:12-15, Matthew Ch. 4**

To become a follower of Jesus, we must read about His life while on earth. We read about His supernatural birth and years of obedience. He has made a public confession of His commitment to God and received the Holy Spirit's power to equip Him.

We catch up with Jesus now in Matthew chapter 4. He is very much where you are today:

- a. **He has reached adulthood.**
- b. **He has left His family to pursue God's plan for His life.**
- c. **He publicly obeyed water baptism.**
- d. **He received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.**
- e. **He recognizes a "divine difference" in His life from others in His village.**
- f. **He journeys to the desert to meet with God.**

As you follow Jesus on this Great Adventure, He will make certain that, like Him, you will visit the desert. In the desert you will:

1. **Make THE most important decision ever concerning your life.**
2. **Learn to recognize Satan's 3 areas of attack.**
3. **Learn to effectively deal with temptation (flesh fights).**
4. **Learn how to turn a desert into a dessert.**

What happens in the desert:

1. Your _____ tries to control you.
2. Satan tries to _____ you from God's best.
3. Symptoms or _____ appear in your body.
4. Circumstances question the _____ _ _ _ _.

Following Jesus into the desert is a critical phase toward your future with God. This is the place where your dreams are tested, your physical needs try to dominate, and Satan's best distractions are hurled your way.

The desert is a place where you will learn the correct way to deal with temptations. Temptations will be with you until you move to Heaven. Some temptations come directly from Satan, but most of them come from your fallen sin nature. Another word for your sin nature is your flesh. Your flesh is always fighting with your spirit. That's why I call temptation "flesh fights." Your flesh always wants more: more sleep, more food, more sex, more

It Is Written!

Put the Word in you
when you don't need it,
so it will be there
when you do need it.

recognition, more, more, more. You will only overcome Satan or your flesh through these 3 profound words: "IT IS WRITTEN."

The desert is a place where your most important decision in life will be made...

Will you forever be CONTROLLED and SHAKEN by your circumstances and feelings
OR
will you determine to live by the written Word of God?

While in the desert, Jesus encountered three areas of Satan's attacks. There are only three. You will also encounter these three temptations during your time in your desert.



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"It's not what you know
that sets you free.
It's what you do."

Temptation Defined		
1 John 2:16		
King James	Amplified	The Message
Lust of the flesh	Craving for sensual gratification	Wanting your own way
Lust of the eyes	Greedy longing of the mind	Wanting everything for yourself
Pride of life	Assurance in one's own resources or in the stability of earthly things	Wanting to appear important

Satan's purpose is to _____ or _____ you. He wants you to _____ God's Word. God's purpose is to train you to reject your feelings and live by the Word of God.

The Lust Of The Flesh

Satan's first attack against Jesus was in the area of the **lust of the flesh**. The word "lust" refers to physical needs, not only sexual desire. Your body has 3 dominant appetites:

- a. **Appetite for** _____ **&** _____
- b. **Appetite for** _____
- c. **Appetite for** _____

These appetites are God-given, but to be a strong follower of Jesus, they must be God-controlled.

In your reading assignment of Matthew chapter 4, Jesus had fasted for forty days. Satan appeared with the tempting suggestions of bread. Jesus was certainly hungry. His appetite was screaming, but He knew the ONLY effective weapon was God's Word.

NO!

**"It is written, man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that proceedeth out
of the mouth of God."**

– Matthew 4:4

Your answer to every appetite, sexual or physical, should be the same. The hunger or craving may not disappear, but determine to stand on God's Word, and you will find victory.

It Is Written!

When temptations
come, ask yourself,
*"What Does
The Word Say?"*

The Lust Of The Eyes

The second flesh fight Jesus endured was concerning the **lust of the eyes**. Satan told Him to jump off a mountain and prove that He was God's son. Satan even quoted the scripture! He tried to persuade Jesus to perform a miracle for the wrong reason. Your opinions and feelings can be so persuasive. Perhaps Jesus thought,

"Maybe Satan is right. I could start ministry with a huge miracle, jump off this mountain, allow a host of angels to be seen catching me and have Israel's complete loyalty before I land on the ground. It would sure be easier than Father's plan. If Father God really loved me, why would He make me endure Calvary's pain...

NO!

"It is written, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

– Matthew 4:7

The Pride Of Life

The third and last area of temptation that Jesus experienced was the **pride of life**. Satan took Him to a mountain and showed Him the kingdoms of the world. "You could have all of this **IF**..." Jesus was tormented with the temptation of power and wealth, but He resisted and overcame by stating:

NO!

"It is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

– Matthew 4:7

It Is Written!

I'm not moved
by what I feel.
I'm only moved by
the Word that's real.

Jesus did not gain victory because He was the Son of God. If that were the case then we humans would be hopeless in the midst of our “flesh wars.” No, it was not His position but His confession that defeated Satan Every Time.

Jesus knew the ONLY victory over temptation is God’s Word. When you are in a struggle over sin or compromise, change your confession from:

“It is _____” to “It is _____”

Act upon God’s Word. Determine to live by the Word of God regardless of your feelings.

What Do You Feel?	What Do You Say?
You FEEL a headache	It is written: <i>“I was healed by the stripes of Jesus.”</i> – I Peter 2:24
You FEEL all alone	It is written: <i>“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”</i> – Hebrews 13:5
You FEEL poor	It is written: <i>“For my God shall supply all my needs.”</i> – Philippians 4:19
You FEEL fear	It is written: <i>“No weapon formed against me shall prosper.”</i> – Isaiah 54:17

How To Turn Your Desert Into Dessert

Each time you choose God’s Word over your feelings, you will become stronger and more like Jesus. Sometimes victory does not come immediately and you will have to depend on your secret weapon.

Your secret weapon is to _____ on the _____.



It Is Written!

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Whatever you feed will grow. Whatever you starve will die.

“Having done all to **Stand, **Stand** therefore...”**

– *Ephesians 6:13-14*

Put that “**S**” into every desert of your life and your desert will turn into a dessert.

God's Trap Door

In every realm of temptation, God will provide you a way of escape. He died so you can walk in victory. God gave you a powerful promise in I Corinthians 10:13:

1. **Other people have resisted the same flesh fight that you are struggling.**
2. **God will never let you down.**
3. **God will never let you be pushed past your limit.**
4. **God will always show you the “trap door” to escape.**

Jesus resisted Satan
with His Word.

His followers
will do the same.

1 John 2:6

“No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down; He'll never let you be pushed past your limit; He'll always be there to help you come through it.”

– *1 Corinthians 10:13 (Message Bible)*

Chapter

7

**In This Chapter
You Will Learn:**

Five Secrets To A
Miracle Lifestyle

Six Questions
About The
Anointing

Jesus And Rachel
Raise The Dead

Following Jesus
The Miracle
Worker

Walking in the Anointing

Following Jesus is the most exciting experience you will ever embark upon. Many Christians spend their entire life struggling with obedience (ch. 2) and temptations (ch.5). They are consumed with the “hard” part of following Jesus. I would greatly encourage you to deal quickly with these foundational issues so you can follow Him into purpose and power.

Jesus spent His next three years in a ministry of miracles. As you follow Him, you will also walk in this realm of power. As in previous chapters, let us study His example in the gospels.

The Gospel of “Miracle” Mark 19 Miracle Stories Recorded

8 stories record power over _____

5 stories record power over _____

4 stories record power over _____

2 stories record power over _____

Why don't you stop, lay your hand on this chart and ask God to use YOU in His miracle power?

It is humbling to realize that I also have known twenty-five years of miracles. You, too, should expect to become a “miracle worker,” because you are a follower of Jesus.

9 Nature Miracles of Jesus

Miracle	Scripture
Turning water into wine	Jn. 2:1-11
Feeding of five thousand	Mt. 14:15-21; Mk. 6:35; Lk. 9:12; Jn. 6:5
Stilling the storm	Mt. 8:23-27; Mk. 4:35; Lk. 8:22
Walking on the sea	Mt. 14:22-33; Mk. 6:45; Jn. 6:16
Providing tax money in fish's mouth	Mt. 17:24-27
Feeding of four thousand	Mt. 15:32-39; Mk. 8:1
Withering of fig tree	Mt. 21:17-22; Mk. 11:12
First catch of fish	Lk. 5:1-11
Second catch of fish	Jn. 21:1-14

“JESUS CHRIST, THE SAME, YESTERDAY,
TODAY AND FOREVER.”
– Hebrews 13:8

The Anointing

Obedience to unusual requests often precedes a miracle.

27 Jesus' Twenty-seven Healing Miracles

Miracle	Scripture
Healing of nobleman's son at Cana	Jn. 4:46-54
Restoring sight of blind man at Bethsaida	Mk. 8:22-26
Restoring sight of man born blind	Jn. 9:1-41
Raising of Lazarus	Jn. 11:1-45
Curing demon possessed man (men)	Mt. 8:28-34; Mk. 5:1; Lk. 8:26
Raising of Jairus's daughter	Mt. 9:18-26; Mk. 5:22; Lk. 8:41
Healing of invalid at Bethesda	Jn. 5:1-18
Curing of woman with twelve year bleeding	Mt. 9:20-22; Mk. 5:25; Lk. 8:43
Restoring of paralytic at Capernaum	Mt. 9:1-8; Mk. 2:1; Lk. 5:17
Curing of leper near Gennesaret	Mt. 8:1-4; Mk. 1:40; Lk. 5:12
Healing of Peter's mother-in-law	Mt. 8:14-17; Mk. 1:29; Lk. 4:38
Restoring of withered hand	Mt. 12:9-14; Mk. 3:1; Lk. 6:6
Healing of child with demon	Mt. 17:14-20; Mk. 9:14; Lk. 9:37
Restoring blind and dumb demoniac	Mt. 12:22; Lk. 11:14
Giving sight to two blind men	Mt. 9:27-31
Healing of dumb demoniac	Mt. 9:32-34
Healing of deaf-mute	Mk. 7:31-37
Restoring sight to blind Bartimaeus	Mt. 20:29-34; Mk.10:46; Lk. 18:35
Healing Syrophenician girl	Mt.15:21-28; Mk. 7:24
Healing centurion's servant	Mt. 8:5-13; Lk. 7:1
Restoring demon possessed man in synagogue	Mk.1:23-27; Lk. 4:33
Raising son of widow of Nain	Lk. 7:11-16
Restoring of woman crippled for eighteen years	Lk. 13:10-17
Healing of man with dropsy	Lk. 14:1-6
Healing of ten men with leprosy	Lk. 17:11-19
Restoring of Malchus's ear	Lk. 22:49-51; Jn. 18:10

The Anointing

Study this chart!
Do what Jesus did
and you'll see what
Jesus saw.

6 Questions About The Anointing

Q What is the anointing?

A The miracle power of the Holy Spirit.

Q Why does the Holy Spirit anoint you? Is it to help you reach your selfish goals?

A "...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth (and _____ of _____) with
NAME CITY
the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil, for God was with Him."
Acts 10:38

Q How do you start operating in God's miracle power?

A Study the six categories of Luke 4:18. Then, look for the following and get busy!

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon you *because* He has anointed you ..."

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. poor | 4. blind or backslidden |
| 2. brokenhearted | 5. bruised |
| 3. captives | 6. lost |

Q Where did Jesus get His anointing?

A His "fuel" came from the Holy Spirit.
His instructions came from a life of prayer

The Anointing

(Regarding those gray areas)

What others can do,
you can't.

The Anointing

Jesus never performed
any miracles until
He was baptized
in the Holy Spirit.

32 of Jesus' miracles
occurred 'along the
way.' Only 3 occurred
in the synagogue,
so expect miracles
everyday and
everywhere."

Q

**Why does God not use more
Christians in miracles?**

A

They are waiting for something they already
have. Begin to act as though I John 2:27 is
true, (it is!) and miracles will begin.

Q

Do you always feel the anointing?

A

No.anointing. (new) Jesus ***felt*** weary,
joyful, angry, grieved, and compassionate,
yet the anointing never sub-sided.

Q

**Where does the anointing move
most frequently?**

A

Wherever there are hurting people and a
yielded vessel. The anointing is on the Word,
so preach the Word. The anointing is
disguised as compassion.

Q

**Can the anointing penetrate
an object?**

A

Yes. The apostle Paul anointed handkerchiefs
and I have anointed everything from bedpans
to prayercloths. – Acts 19:11

**"But the anointing which you have received of Him
abides in you..."**

– 1 John 2:27

5 SECRETS to a MIRACLE LIFESTYLE

Jesus' ultimate purpose was not to perform circus tricks, but to reveal the love of the Father. Remember that as we study five secrets of a miracle lifestyle.

Secret #1

YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN

Jesus' example was one of constant self-denial.

"For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me."

– Romans 15:3

"And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him."

– John 8:29

"As He is, so are we in this world."

– I John 4:17



*– Chuck Norris –
Actor, Six-time undefeated
World Karate Champion
and follower of Jesus*

The Anointing

Listen to the words
of this "Mama:"
It's not about YOU!

**“Anyone who intends to come with me
has to let me lead. You’re not in the
driver’s seat; I am. Don’t run from suffering;
embrace it. Follow me and I’ll show you how.**

Self-help is no help at all.

**Self-sacrifice is the way, my way,
to saving yourself, your true self.**

**What good would it do to get everything
you want and lose you, the real you?
What could you ever trade your soul for?**

**If any of you are embarrassed over me
and the way I’m leading you when you
get around your fickle and unfocused friends,
know that you’ll be an even greater embarrassment
to the Son of Man when he arrives in
all the splendor of God, his Father,
with an army of the holy angels.”**

– Mark 8:34-38 (Message Bible)

Every morning, during your daily devotions, renew your commitment to Christ and His cause. Re-live your salvation experience. Remember the torment of your double-minded past. Renew your promise to discover God’s adventure for your life. Your day is not yours to do as you please. You gave your life to Jesus; you are not your own.

The Anointing

—
2/3 Of God’s name
is “Go.”

**“What? know ye not that your body
is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you,
which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?”**

– 1 Corinthians 6:19

*Secret #2***LET COMPASSION
CONSUME YOU**

Jesus' purpose in all of the miracles He performed was to reveal the Father's love. In the Old Testament God was filled with wrath and greatly feared. Rigid requirements of "do's and don'ts" kept men desperately reaching for, yet never receiving, God's approval. But Jesus preached about a new covenant; a new picture of God. This "new" God was a God of compassion. One of Jesus' assignments was to change the image of God in the hearts of men. Jesus introduced the masses to their Father. At times, while preaching, He was moved with compassion and great miracles occurred (Mark 14:14). **The definition of compassion is "your hurt in my heart." It is a tidal wave of God's unconditional love. Compassion propels you to do something.** If you are willing to give yourself over to the compassion of God, you will find yourself hugging dirty kids and healing broken people. Selfish priorities quickly change.

Often as I am preaching to large crowds of people, my eyes focus upon one particular person. I sense in my spirit that God has something special for them; a word of hope, a healing, or perhaps a prophecy. An unexplained love consumes me. Sometimes I call them **"love spurts."** "Father, I yield to Your compassion. Consume me with your emotions and purpose." No one hears me say that, but that's exactly how I yield. As I put the service on "pause" and follow that love spurt, that camper is changed forever by the love of God.

Without fear,
we sang in prisons
30 feet beneath
the earth. We were
terribly hungry,
beaten and
tortured.

Richard Wurmbrand,
The Voice of The Martyrs,
14 years in a Communist
prison - 1940's, 50's, 60's

Give yourself over to compassion. Don't rush. Like an empty bucket being filled with a water hose, you'll sense something rising in your spirit. That's compassion!

Compassion hugs. Compassion weeps. Compassion heals. Compassion consumes you with the emotions and purposes of God for that person. Dare to flow in the compassion of God and you'll change the world.

Secret #3

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME

We have already established the fact that Jesus did not perform any recorded miracles until He received the mighty Holy Spirit. Technically, Jesus was an "earth man" like you. He possessed no special powers. He was the Son of God, but denied Himself the privilege of using any power that an "earthling" wouldn't have. Just like you, He depended totally upon the Holy Spirit's power.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit gave Him superhuman strength and supernatural abilities. You have the same power that Jesus had during His healing meetings. You have the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead!

Jesus laid hands on the sick expecting the Holy Spirit to perform the miracle. Jesus spoke to natural elements (bread and fish) but the Holy Spirit supernaturally multiplied it. Jesus was the "doer" but the Holy Spirit was the "helper."

This is an exciting aspect of the Great Adventure. When you become a Luke 4:18 Christian, you will realize what miracles await you.



Tim
TBI - 1996
"Sometimes I feel
a powerful anointing flow out
of me, but usually I don't.
Feelings lie."

There are six guaranteed moments the Holy Spirit will perform miracles through you.

**“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he hath anointed me
to preach the gospel to the poor;
he hath sent me
to heal the brokenhearted,
to preach deliverance to the captives,
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty them that are bruised,
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”**

– Luke 4:18

“For we walk by faith, not by sight”

– II Corinthians 5:7

To walk in the anointing and help hurting people is a great responsibility. God is wanting to perform mighty miracles. He is waiting for you. Broken people are waiting for you. Dare to care. Follow those love spurts. As you take one step, God will take two. The anointing will be there to break every yoke. What an adventure you have begun!

Boldly declare:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.
I have what they need.
I am the doer; the Holy Ghost is my Helper.
The Kingdom of God is within me.

The Anointing

—
God didn’t say,
“Go deep,”
but “Go out.”

The Opinion Of Man

When you determine to follow Jesus by becoming a miracle worker, you must not fear the opinion of man. Jesus will lead all who follow Him to do His work into the strangest places at the most unusual times. People will not understand the passion that consumes you. My first real miracles took place:

- 1) on a football field (#10)
- 2) in a 9th grade math class (#4)
- 3) in a neon-lighted closet (#15)
- 4) at SMU cheerleader camp (#12)

(refer to Acts Ch. 29 list at end of book)

A Woman Died On My Airplane

There are two different times that Jesus used me to raise the dead. #16, #17. A woman on Southwest Airlines had a heart attack and collapsed in the narrow aisle of that 737. Her name was Ruby. When they called for medical assistance, I jumped over many chairs to help. I was not helping because I was a registered nurse. I was helping because "the Spirit of the Lord was upon Me." After 30 minutes of CPR (a doctor and me trading off), the doctor said, "I've lost the pulse." This story sounds very heroic, but it was not dramatic at the time. Standing at her feet, I knew that she was not ready for eternity (details in class). Faith rose up in my heart and I whispered, "Jesus, I bind the spirit of death and command you to live in Jesus' name." No one on the airplane heard me, but every demon in Hell assigned to that passenger shrieked and let go of their victim. "I feel a pulse again," the doctor said. She was resuscitated as the

The Anointing

—
WWJD?

plane landed at Houston Hobby Airport. The ambulance took her to Southeast Memorial Hospital where I was working the very next day. For three days she was my patient, but didn't know that I was the young blonde with a red bow in my ponytail who helped her on the airplane.

She told me an amazing story. While flying from Dallas to Houston, she felt a crushing pain to her chest. She remembered something leaving her body and said, "I was hovering at the ceiling of the airplane watching a lot of commotion over someone on the floor. I wondered why they were rushing and worrying over them when I was the one who needed help (This is a medically documented out-of-body experience). Suddenly, I saw the face of the patient and it was me! There was a young girl with a red bow in her blonde ponytail standing at my feet. I then heard a thunderous sound come out of this young woman. She screamed, 'Jesus,' but all I remember was waking up in an ambulance."

I was standing by her hospital bed when I took off my nurse's cap and let my blonde ponytail drop to my shoulders. I told her who I was and prayed with her right then. Ruby got saved that very moment and told her story to many people.

You have supernatural, superhuman abilities inside of you. Commit your life to helping hurting humanity. Jesus is the leader. You are His follower. Do what He did. Act like He acted. Say what He said and you'll see what He saw.

The Anointing

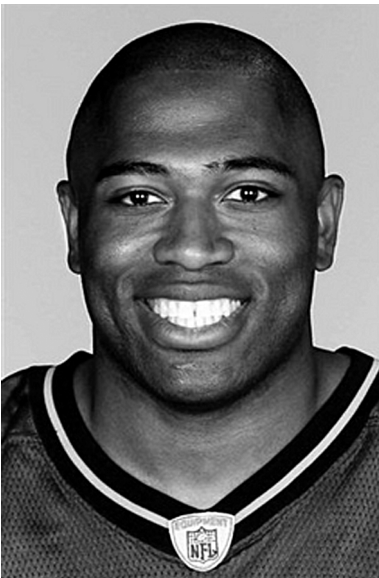
To go where
you've never been,
you've got to do what
you've never done.

Secret #4

KEEP YOUR ANOINTING FRESH

Jesus, our Master, performed so many miracles that they can't be contained in all the books in the whole world (John 21:25). Yet, Jesus knew the secret of keeping His anointing fresh:

- a) much time in prayer
- b) not concerned over inconvenience
- c) separation from those who didn't understand His call
- d) exchanged his plan for God's purposes.



- Shaun Alexander -
Seattle Seahawks,
2005 NFL's MVP,
Disciple of Jesus Christ

It is an easy thing to get God's anointing. It's quite another thing to keep it fresh and vibrant over your entire life.

Following Jesus requires many choices. These choices will determine the level of anointing in you.

- What do you do during your free time?
- What kind of friends do you choose to associate with?
- What movies would you watch if you were home alone?
- What kind of music do you listen to?

How closely do you want to follow Jesus? If He stops, will you bump into Him? Some of His disciples followed Him afar off:

**“Then took they him, and led him,
and brought him into the high priest’s house.
And Peter followed afar off.”**

– Luke 22:54

Confession

**“I don’t care who it puts me with
or who it separates me from;
I’m going on with God!”**

Make your choice today to follow Him closely. The price is high, but the joys are unspeakable. A miracle lifestyle will be yours because of a fresh anointing upon your life.

How Do You Want God To Use You?

The Anointing

—
**Nothing
takes the place
of the anointing.**

Secret #5

BE MANDATE-MINDED AND ENDURE HARDNESS

Jesus was no wimp. He had “no where to lay His head,” and no obvious source of income.

The Pharisees criticized Him and His own relatives didn't understand His assignment. He regularly walked as much as 100 miles on hot rugged terrain without any guarantee of His next meal.

Jesus' earthly life was one of intense focus. He knew His Father's purpose and never yielded to distractions or selfish ambition.

God is raising up young people around the world to become mandate-minded. You have come to TBI and given nine months of your life to discover God's Great Adventure. Put away selfish ambition. Sell out to the purposes of God. Dare to walk into your destiny. Get up, grow up and toughen up. Jesus is your Leader and He's moving fast in these last days. Let's keep up the pace.

In the words of your compassionate TBI Mom,

‘TOUGHEN UP, BUTTERCUP!’

**“Thou therefore endure hardness,
as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.”**

– 2 Timothy 2:3

Jesus demonstrated
God's love
through miracles.

His followers
will do the same.

1 John 2:6

Chapter

8

In This Chapter
You Will Learn:

The Sermon On
The Mount

The Parables
of Jesus

Jesus' Pattern
Of Ministry

Following Jesus
Your Teacher

Jesus Was A Great Teacher

**"He who says he abides in Him ought himself
also to walk just as He walked."**

– I John 2:6 NKJV

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Jesus went up on a mountain and taught His most famous sermon. This teaching, The Sermon on The Mount is the _____ to everything else He taught. Without exception, every Bible teacher that I greatly admire places a major emphasis on this teaching. It is recorded in Matthew chapters _____. The name of the first portion is _____ because they contain the attitudes which we will “be” as we grow in Christ.

Jesus covered over **sixty topics** in the Sermon on the Mount. Here are just a few:

Adultery	Fasting	Lawsuits
Anger	Faultfinding	Treasures
Appearance	Food	Honor Of Man
Borrowing	Gentleness	Hypocrisy
Decisions	Happiness	Instability
Enemies	Hell	Investments

THE BEATITUDES *Matthew 5:3-12*

- ___ Blessed are the poor in spirit
 - ___ Blessed are they that mourn
 - ___ Blessed are the meek
 - ___ Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness
 - ___ Blessed are the merciful
 - ___ Blessed are the pure in heart
 - ___ Blessed are the peacemakers
 - ___ Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness
 - ___ Blessed are you, when men revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
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- A.** For they shall be called the children of God.
 - B.** For theirs is the kingdom of heaven
 - C.** For great is your reward
 - D.** For they shall be comforted
 - E.** For theirs is the kingdom of heaven
 - F.** For they shall inherit the earth
 - G.** They shall obtain mercy
 - H.** For they shall be filled
 - I.** For they shall see God

The BE-attitudes
contain the foundation
of a Christian's
BE-ing.

THE GOLDEN RULE

**"Do unto _____ what you would
have others do unto _____."**

– Mt. 7:12

JESUS TAUGHT WITH AUTHORITY

**"And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended
these sayings, the people were astonished
at his doctrine: for he taught as one having
authority, and not as the scribes."**

– Mt. 7:28-29

**"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter
and John, and perceived that they were
uneducated and untrained men, they marveled.
And they realized that they had been with Jesus."**

– Acts 4:13 NKJV

JESUS' TEACHING PATTERN

**"And Jesus went all about the cities and villages,
teaching in their synagogues, and preaching
the gospel of the kingdom, and healing
every sickness and every disease
among the people."**

– Mt. 8:35

She was 17 years old,
but when she told
the gunman that she
believed in God, he
killed her.

Rachel Scott,
Columbine High
School, Colorado
April 20, 1999

1. Where did Jesus preach first? _____
Why? _____
2. What did Jesus preach about? _____

THE 7 "I AM'S" OF JESUS

Who did Jesus claim to be? Ponder these seven claims and then determine for yourself whether Jesus was an:

- egotistical liar
- rambling lunatic
- the true Lord that He claimed to be

- _____ I AM the Good Shepherd
- _____ I AM the True Vine
- _____ I AM the Light of the World
- _____ I AM the Bread of Life
- _____ I AM the Resurrection and the Life
- _____ I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life
- _____ I AM the Gate for the Sheep

Scripture References

- A. John 6:35
- B. John 19:11
- C. John 8:12
- D. John 14:6
- E. John 15:1
- F. John 11:25
- G. John 10:7



- S. Truett Cathy -
Chik-fil-a Founder,
"I want to glorify God by
being a faithful steward of
all that is entrusted to me."

One-A-Day parables
make you stronger than
One-A-Day vitamins.

THE 32 PARABLES
OF JESUS

Jesus often told stories called parables. A parable is an _____ story with a _____ message. Many of the common people simply thought that Jesus was telling good stories, but “to those who were given understanding”, great spiritual truths were revealed.

32 Parables of Jesus

PARABLE	REFERENCE(S)	TOPIC
Sower and the seed	Mt. 13:1-8; Mk. 4:3; Lk. 8:5	Kingdom
Weeds	Mt. 13:24-30	Kingdom
Mustard Seed	Mt. 13:31-32; Mk. 4:30; Lk. 13:18	Kingdom
Yeast	Mt. 13:33; Lk. 13:20	Kingdom
Hidden Treasure	Mt. 13:44	Kingdom
Pearl of great price	Mt. 13:45-46	Kingdom
Dragnet	Mt. 13:47-50	Kingdom
Growing Seed	Mk. 4:26-29	Kingdom
Workers in the vineyard	Mt. 20:1-16	Service
Talents	Mt. 24:14-30	Service
Ten minas	Lk. 19:11-27	Service
Unworthy Servants	Lk. 17:7-10	Service
Friend at midnight	Lk. 11:5-8	Prayer
Persistent widow (unjust judge)	Lk. 18:1-8	Prayer
Lowest seat at the feast	Lk. 14:7-11	Humility
Pharisee and the tax collector	Lk. 18:9-14	Humility
Good Samaritan	Lk. 10:30-37	Love for neighbor
Lost sheep	Mt. 18:12-14; Lk. 15:3	God's concern for the lost
Lost coin	Lk. 15:8-10	God's concern for the lost
Lost son	Lk. 15:11-32	God's concern for the lost

(Parables continued on page 68)

You don't need
new sermons.
Just teach what
Jesus taught.

Read The Red
And Do
What He Said.

Charles Capps

32 Parables of Jesus (continued)

PARABLE	REFERENCE(S)	TOPIC
Two debtors	Lk. 7:41-43	Gratitude of the redeemed
Two virgins	Mt. 25:1-13	Preparedness for Christ's return
Wise and wicked servants	Mt. 24:45-51; Lk. 12:42	Preparedness for Christ's return
Watchful porter	Mk. 13:34-37	Preparedness for Christ's return
Two sons	Mt. 21:28-32	Judgment of Israel
Tenants	Mt. 21:33-46; Mk. 12:1; Lk. 20:9	Judgment of Israel
Barren fig tree	Lk. 13:6-9	Judgment of Israel
Wedding banquet	Mt. 22:1-14	Judgment
Unmerciful servant	Mt. 18:23-35	Judgment within the Kingdom
Householder	Mt. 13:52	* Stewardship
Shrewd manager	Lk. 16:1-10	* Stewardship
Rich man and Lazarus	Lk. 16:19-31	* Stewardship

*R. Burchfield

JESUS' WORDS ARE ALIVE

Jesus said, "...the words that I speak to you, they are _____ and they are _____."

– Jn. 6:63b

Many Bibles have printed the words of Jesus in red ink. They are called the Red Letter Editions. This is wonderful! I recommend reading the words of Jesus over and over and over. Because they are "spirit words," they go deep into your spirit and produce healing, hope and joy.

Jesus taught simple stories with authority.

His followers will do the same.

1 John 2:6

Chapter

9

**In This Chapter
You Will Learn:**

Secrets of Jesus'
Prayer Life

Six Types
Of Prayer

The 'Garden of
Gethsemene'
Prayer

Following Jesus
The Intercessor

Secrets Of Jesus' Prayer Life

One of Jesus' secrets to pleasing God and a miracle lifestyle was His prayer life. As you continue this great adventure, Jesus will lead you into regular times of prayer. A consistent prayer life is essential to a strong foundation. Because discipline is a key ingredient, we have incorporated daily devotions into your TBI schedule. Let's study the following scriptures concerning Jesus' thoughts on prayer and His personal example.

Personal Consecration

*"...It came to pass that Jesus also was baptized;
and while He prayed, the heaven was opened."*

– Lk. 3:21

Personal Discipline

*"...He went out to the mountain to pray,
and continued all night in prayer to God."*

– Lk. 6:12

Seasons Of Prayer Before Major Decisions

*"And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself;
and from them He chose twelve whom*

He also named apostles."

– Lk. 6:13

Acknowledges God's Ways

*Jesus said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
that You have hidden these things from the wise and
prudent and have revealed them to babes."*

– Mt. 11:25

Condemns Hypocrisy

*"And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites.
For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the
corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men.*

Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward."

– Mt. 6:5

*"And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions
as the heathen do. For they think that they will be
heard for their many words."*

– Mt. 6:7

Secret Prayer

*"But you, when you pray, go into your room
and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father
who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees
in secret will reward you openly."*

– Mt. 6:5-6

Confidence In Prayer

*Then they took away the stone from the place where the
dead man was lying. [a] And Jesus lifted up His eyes and
said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me."*

– Jn. 11:41

Prayer

**If you want to
hear God twice,
obey Him once.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Vs. 9

Our Father in heaven

Hallowed by Your name

Vs. 10

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Vs. 11

Give us this day our daily bread

Vs. 12

And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

Vs. 13

And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power

and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer

Obe-DIE-ence

Prayer changes things

6 Types of Prayer

- 1. Prayer of _____ *John 14:13-14*
- 2. Prayer of _____ *Psalms 103:1-5*
- 3. Prayer of _____ *Matthew 18:19*
- 4. Prayer of _____ *Ephesians 6:18*
- 5. Prayer of _____
and _____ *Matthew 18:18*
- 6. Spiritual _____ *James 4:7*

Special Instructions

Prayer

Prayer is not a deposit,
but a withdrawal.
Dr. Tony Evans

The 'Garden Of Gethsemane' Prayer

After three years of His miracle ministry we follow Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane. This was one of His regular places of prayer. When I was in Israel in 1993 I stood in the very same area where Jesus visited to pray. The olive trees were 2000 years old with trunks six feet in diameter.

While in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus wrestled with God's plan for His life. This was one of Jesus' greatest struggles. In fact, Luke 22:44 records that He sweat great drops of blood. **We seem to think that Jesus cheerfully obeyed everything that God asked Him to do.** This is not the case. Jesus knew God's plan. He was soon to be betrayed, beaten, scorned, and crucified. Did you know that it is hard to think about the joys of resurrection when you have to die first? Perhaps this was Jesus' prayer:

*"Why should I have to die? Why couldn't God
send Adam back to earth to be crucified?
I liked this season of miracles, Father. Could we continue
doing that for a few more years?
Truthfully, I wanted to be normal – get married,
have children... I even remember creating those soldiers
who will ultimately kill me..."*

This was not in any way a fun time in Jesus' life. Death hurts – especially if it lingers. At this moment, Jesus provides a heroic example for all of His followers. Laying down His feeble suggestions, He finally surrenders to God's plan for His life.

**"IT HURTS, BUT I TRUST YOU" is the
ultimate expression of true discipleship.**

Prayer

Lordship is saying
"Yes" before He
asks the question.

“... Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but Yours, be done.”

– Luke 22:42

Each one of us must pray this “Garden of Gethsemane” prayer periodically. There’s nothing fun about the wrestling and agony of giving up our control. The devil paints a morbid picture of Gethsemane. He focuses on the great sacrifice you must make and the great price you must pay. Everything you’ve ever wanted in your past, present, or future floats through your mind as you prepare to “die” for Jesus. Sometimes it’s a relationship, a hobby or perhaps an attitude. It’s the hardest thing that you may attempt for Jesus. Just remember that Satan is the father of lies and his suggestions can never be trusted. The greatest joy you’ll know is when you pray what I call the ‘Garden of Gethsemane’ prayer:

**“...NEVERTHELESS, NOT MY WILL,
BUT YOURS BE DONE.”**

Get ready!

This is the beginning of something
wonderful.

**“Dear Lord Jesus, I am yours.
Whatever, wherever, whenever,
with whoever...forever. Amen.”**

Prayer

Are you seeking
God’s hand
or His face?

Jesus' Prayer For His Disciples

**Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes
to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come.
Glorify Your Son, that Your Son
also may glorify You."**

– John 17:1-26

Ten Things Jesus Prayed For His Disciples

Vs. 11 a. _____

Vs. 11 b. _____

Vs. 13 _____

Vs. 15 a. _____

Vs. 15 b. _____

Vs. 17 _____

Vs. 20 _____

Vs. 21 _____

Vs. 24 _____

Vs. 26 _____

**Jesus brought
heaven to earth
through prayer.**

**His followers
will do the same.**

1 John 2:6

GOODNEWS! Jesus, our Great Intercessor is praying for you today.

**"Seeing then we have a great high priest, that is
passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God..."**

–Hebrews 4:14

**"Seeing He ever lives to make intercession
for them."**

– Hebrews 7:25

Chapter

10

**In This Chapter
You Will Learn:**

How To Die Fast

The “My Will, My
Way” MentalityIt's Okay To
Talk BackFocus On
Resurrection**Following Jesus
The Resurrection**

Calvary's Cross

It was inevitable. Jesus was born to _____. _____ disobedience had left the payment for sin _____ for. Adam's sin demanded his God-given righteousness be exchanged for Satan's bondage. For thousands of years, the sin nature was _____ from generation to generation. Mankind tried everything to pay that _____! Recognizing their spiritual _____, heathens would pray to pagan gods hoping to find _____. Canaanites sacrificed their firstborn to Baal. Hebrews tried to keep ceremonially clean, yet sin still had _____ over humanity.

Until the _____ for sin was paid in full, man would be controlled and tormented by his _____ sin nature.

Sin Lost Its' Right To Rule.

Jesus did much more than die for our sins at Calvary. He _____ sin and paid for sin's bondage with His blood.

Jesus' death on Calvary did not _____ sin. Sin is obviously still in existence today. What Jesus' death did do was strip Satan of the _____ to imprison with sin. Sin lost its' _____, but its' power is just as alive as ever (Selah).

Jesus died on Calvary so we wouldn't have to, right? _____! To follow Jesus, we dare not bypass Calvary (the place where sin's power is dealt with).

When you got born again, your spirit became new, but your flesh remained the same. You still have blue eyes or maybe long legs. The evil sin nature will try to _____ in your flesh as long as you live in your body.

You still have to deal with your evil sin nature because it is ever-present in your _____, not your _____ where you are righteous. As long as you have a mortal body you will have _____. Remember, Jesus did not eliminate sin. He _____ its' power to control you. He wants you to walk in victory and freedom from sin's control.

Since sin is ever present, you will need to know the appropriate way to deal with it. The Bible teaches us exactly what to do with sin. Learn this well.

3 Ways To Deal With Sin

1 – Identify with Christ's death on Calvary.

"What actually took place was this:

I tried keeping rules and working my head off to please God, and it didn't work. So, I quit being a "law man" so that I could be God's man. Christ's life showed me how, and enabled me to do it. I identified myself completely with Him. Indeed, I have been crucified with Christ. My ego is no longer central.

It is no longer important that I appear righteous before you or have your good opinion, and I am no longer driven to impress God. Christ lives in me. The life you see me living is not "mine," but it is lived by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I am not going to go back on that."

– Galatians 2:19-20 (The Message)

Resurrection

If you don't destroy sin,
sin will destroy you.

The tomb is empty,
so you can be full.

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live;
yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life
which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith
of the Son of God, who loved me,
and gave Himself for me,"

– Galatians 2:20 (KJV)

2 – Starve sin's power in your flesh choice by choice.

Do the exact opposite that your flesh is screaming.
Whatever you feed will grow. Whatever you starve will die.

"I die daily."

– 1 Corinthians 15:31

"Offer yourselves to sin, for instance, and it's your
last free act. But offer yourselves to the ways of God
and the freedom never quits. All your lives you've let
sin tell you what to do. But thank God you've started
listening to a new master, one whose commands
set you free to live openly in His freedom."

– Romans 6:12 (*The Message*)

3 – Reckon yourself dead to sin, alive to God

"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead
indeed unto sin, but alive unto God
through Jesus Christ our Lord."

– Romans 6:11

"Mortify; habitually putting to death,
making extinct, deadening the evil deeds
prompted by the body"

– Romans 8:13 AMP

Sin will take me
further than
I want to go,
keep me longer
than I want to stay,
and cost me more
than I can pay.

Resurrection

I agree with God
on His attitude and
judgement on my sin.

Joy Dawson

Enjoying Resurrection's Power

Jesus only stayed on Calvary's cross for six hours. His focus was not His death, but His resurrection.

As His followers, you mustn't get bogged down with the constant struggles of those flesh wars. DIE FAST! Turn your head, change the TV channel quickly and don't go back to sleep. Refuse to feed those cravings and they will die.

The only joy in dying is knowing that after death comes resurrection. His resurrection overcame death, sin's torment and disease. If you follow Jesus then you have this resurrection power in you!

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

– Romans 8:11

It's Okay To Talk Back!

God wants you to reign in life like a king. His resurrection power will cause you to reign (dominate, control) over flesh wars of any kind. Tell your flesh to 'shut up!' What Jesus did for you on calvary gave you that right. Here is a small list of areas Jesus will help you reign over (dominate, control).

feelings	anger	sexual cravings
moods	violence	depression
emotions	self-pity	disease
fear	laziness	eating disorders

Do your part in the natural and God will do His part in the supernatural.

Resurrection

Jesus not only went to the cross for your sins, but came out of the grave with your victory.

Now that you have died to **your ways, your plans** and **your control**, the resurrection power of Jesus will begin to flood your life.

6 Resurrection Realities

1. Resurrection power is in your eternal spirit.
2. Resurrection power is not willpower or “bite the bullet” determination.
3. Resurrection power will overcome all sin, disease, and even death.
4. Resurrection power can be increased or decreased.
5. Resurrection power comes from a consistent prayer life and God’s word. No shortcuts!
6. Resurrection power comes from Jesus, the Resurrection!



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"I believe there will be
chocolate in heaven."

My spirit is king.
My soul is its' servant.
My flesh is its' slave.

"Greater is He that is in me than He that is in the world."

– I John 4:4

"I shall reign in life by Christ Jesus."

– Rm. 5:17

Resurrection Scriptures

Romans 5:17 – _____

Romans 6:6 – _____

Romans 6:14a – _____

THE LIFE OF GOD
(chorus)

*I've got the life of God in me,
I've got the life of God in me,
I've got His love, His nature and His ability,
I've got the life of God in me.*

Jesus died to sin,
so He could
be alive to God.

His followers
will do the same.
1 John 2:6

Chapter

11

**In This Chapter
You Will Learn:**

How To Finish
Strong

Overcoming Greed
And Anger Easily

The Right Answer
To Every Question

**Following Jesus
Your Heavenly
Reward**

Eyes of Eternity

“Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Christ did.”

It has been said the journey is easier when you know your destination. Jesus, our Leader, was born to die.

Jesus knew the glories of Heaven before He ever moved to earth. He was at His Father's side when they created the galaxies, the majestic mountains and established the laws of science.

When Jesus moved to earth, He knew that it was a temporary assignment. During the struggle of Gethsemane and the pain of Calvary, He remained eternity-minded. This is a great secret to following Jesus.

“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

– *Hebrews 12:2*

Jesus endured the cross by meditating on the joy of returning to Heaven, being reunited with His Father and finishing His course with joy.

As you follow Jesus, you will experience the ups and downs of your own mortality. There will be frequent occasions that your Leader will give you assignments that you don't want to accept. **Your love for Jesus is proven by your obedience.** Sometimes your heart accepts His assignments, but your head is defiant.

The Right Answer For Every Question

Jesus showed us a valiant example of being eternity-minded. He had a mandate; a purpose, and He set His face like a flint to fulfill it.

Each of you are making tough choices. Your age demands new responsibilities. Scary consequences follow each choice.

Q Should you spend your savings on a car?

A In the light of eternity, what does it matter?

Q Should you call your ex-girlfriend?

A In the light of eternity, what does it matter?

Q Should you slide through your Ministry of Helps assignment?

A In the light of eternity, what does it matter?

Q Should you give that \$10 in tonight's offering or keep it for Denny's?

A In the light of eternity, what does it matter?

Eternity

Lord, please take eternity and stamp it in both my eyes.

Becoming eternity-minded will make most of your struggles become easy. Ask God to show you the reality of Heaven, the joys of Heaven, and the purpose of Heaven.

Heaven is real, young student, and you will follow Jesus there. He is there right now praying for you and preparing for your arrival.

Judge every attitude **“in the light of eternity.”** Value every asset **“in the light of eternity.”** Evaluate every relationship **“in the light of eternity.”** To do so makes following Jesus a great adventure.

I Gave My Ring Away

When I was sixteen, I bought a beautiful ring with Christmas money. I loved that ring. It was a small red garnet surrounded by a cluster of opals. For several months I wore it proudly. One Sunday night I visited a church revival and Jesus suggested that I give MY ring to the pastor's wife. MY favorite ring. MY needs. MY. MY. MY.

I knew the pastor's wife was discouraged, yet why couldn't I give her money? Buy her a gift? Jesus didn't tell me to give her my precious ring. It was only a suggestion.

What was going on here? My wise Teacher was establishing in me His way of thinking. His adventure for me that evening was like riding on a new roller coaster that you hated... until it was over and you survived. Then you loved it.

Would I let Jesus walk far ahead
while I sat down and clutched MY ring
and refused to follow?

Would I embrace MY \$54 dollar imitation while the Pearl of Great Price walked on out of my sight? I was learning that there is no joy in following Jesus at a distance. Being eternity-minded resolved my torment.

Eternity

—
Make
God's priorities
your priority.

In the light of eternity, which had greater value? My ring or a discouraged pastor's wife? In the light of eternity, which brought me great joy? The value of that \$54 ring or the value of the Treasure of Heaven?

I slipped the ring off of my finger and gave it to an usher. I never received a thank you note or saw it on her finger, yet I learned the secret joy of having treasure in Heaven. True riches.

Over the years, Jesus has given me countless pieces of jewelry through His wonderful people. Tommy is amazed what valuable gifts are given to me. Sometimes I enjoy them for a while and pass them on to someone else who wants them more than me.

IN THE LIGHT OF ETERNITY,
WHAT DOES IT MATTER?

MAKE
YOUR LIFE
COUNT FOR
ETERNITY

Eternity

Would I clutch my
\$54 imitation ring
while the
Pearl Of Great Price
walked on out of
my sight?

Finish Your Course With Joy

Each of you have a God-given destiny; a specific course. Some of you will follow Jesus into the corporate world, while others will find Him in the ministry. Some will have a large family with great stability, while others will move frequently and spread hope around the world. I promise you this: following “**your**” God-given course will be the greatest adventure known to man.

Joy is the earmark to staying on course. **Your** adventure with Jesus will bring you a deep joy, regardless of the assignment or location. When a large ship veers off course, there are alarms that begin to sound. God’s alarm to you that you are getting off track is a lack of joy. **Get back on course and your joy will return.**

Some Christians get weary of this adventure. They stop for a while and tell Jesus, “*You go on without me and I’ll catch up later.*” Don’t do that! Determine today to “finish your course with joy.” Jesus finished His course. He is in Heaven waiting for you and preparing for your arrival.

You’ll be so glad that you obeyed God. You will be so thankful that you became eternity-minded. You’ll find Pastor Tommy and me in the **TBI Section of Heaven** rejoicing over the campers you hugged, the godly families you raised, the miracles you performed, and the nations you reached for our Lord Jesus Christ.

After you’ve received your eternal rewards and worshiped Him 10,000 years, you’ll get your new, eternal assignment and then you’ll really begin the **GREAT ADVENTURE of FOLLOWING JESUS.**

Jesus kept His focus
on eternity.

His followers
will do the same.

1 John 2:6

Rachel's GREAT ADVENTURES

(Acts Chapter 29)

1. God's Col. 3:23 bedpan cleaner
2. Spoiled tuna fish stinks
3. Free Nieman Marcus wardrobe
4. Rachel tries to witness in 9th grade math
5. Rachel humiliated on stage of 10,000
6. Kicked out of Methodist church camp...almost
7. Front doors and funerals
8. A miserable kiss
9. "Bubbles" cracked block healed
10. Quarterback's collarbone healed
11. False eyelash stuck on
12. Rachel's swollen ankle healed at SMU
13. Cheerleader camp talent show
14. Waterskiing and jail
15. Rachel casts out perverse demon...kind of
16. Rachel raises woman from the dead on SW Airlines
17. Rachel raises patient from the dead on
operating room table
18. Daddy's salvation after 19 years of prayer
19. Tommy has a hairy chest!
20. Camper in a cage

The Great Adventure Continues...

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, a child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never had a family or owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never wrote a book, or held an office. He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness.

While He was still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends deserted Him. He was turned over to His enemies, and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had – His coat.

When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure for much of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as this? “One Solitary Life.”

Author Unknown

I am a Disciple of Jesus Christ

*I am part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. **I am a disciple of Jesus Christ.** I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future secure. I'm finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, tamed visions, worldly talking, chintzy living and dwarfed goals.*

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by faith, live by prayer, and labor with power.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven. My road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my Guide reliable and my mission clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, negotiate at the table of the enemy, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

*I won't give up, shut up or let up, until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, and preached up for the cause of Christ. **I am a disciple of Jesus Christ.** I must go until He comes, give until I drop, preach until all know, and work until He stops me. And when He comes for His own, He will have no problem recognizing me...my fruits will be clear! **I am a disciple of Jesus Christ.***

- Author Unknown

The Prophetic Probability Factor

What extraordinary lengths God went to in order to help people identify and recognize his only begotten Son! **Jesus fulfilled sixty major Old Testament prophecies (with about 270 additional ramifications)—all of which were made more than 400 years before his birth.** This makes a compelling case for the deity of Christ.

Yet we must admit that Jesus was not the only Jew to be born into the tribe of Judah, in the city of Bethlehem, and buried in a rich man's tomb. Is it possible to believe that some of the details of Jesus' life just happened to coincide with all those Old Testament prophecies?

For the answer to that question, we need only turn to the **science of statistics and probabilities**. Professor Peter W. Stoner, in an analysis that was carefully reviewed and pronounced to be sound by the American Scientific Affiliation, states that the probability of just eight prophecies being fulfilled in one person is 1 in 10 (that's 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000).

Look at it this way: If you were to take 100,000,000,000,000,000 silver dollars and spread them across the state of Texas, they would not only cover the entire state but also form a pile of coins two feet deep! Now, take one more silver dollar, mark it with a big red X, toss it into that pile, and stir the whole pile thoroughly.

Then, blindfold yourself, and starting at El Paso on the western border of the state, walk the length and breadth of that enormous state, from Amarillo in the panhandle to Laredo on the Rio Grande all the way to Galveston on the Gulf of Mexico, stooping just once along the way to pick up a single silver dollar out of that two-foot-deep pile. Then take off your blindfold, and look at the silver dollar in your hand. What are the chances that you would pick the marked coin out of a pile of silver dollars the size of the Lone Star State? *The same chance that one person could have fulfilled just eight messianic prophecies in one lifetime.*

In other words, it is nearly unthinkable to imagine that eight Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah could have come true in one man - let alone the sixty major prophecies that were fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth - unless, of course, he is (as he himself claimed) "the Messiah, the Son of the blessed God," the one who was and is and is to come (Mark 14:61; Rev. 4:8).

Josh McDowell, Beyond Belief To Convictions

Answer Key

Chapter 2

What Being Born Again is NOT:

- 1. Being a good person
- 2. Turning over a new leaf
- 3. Going to church
- 4. Depending on willpower to do right

What Being Born Again IS:

- 1. "inner man"
- 2. spirit
- 3. darkness, translated
- 4. mystery
- 5. Mary, you.
- 6. sin nature, robe, righteousness

Chapter 4

What Water Baptism Is:

- 1. public
- 2. believers
- 3. Master
- 4. commandment
- 5. Public, private

What Water Baptism Is Not:

- 1. salvation
- 2. wash
- 3. church.
- 4. Baby

Chapter 5

What the Baptism in the Holy Ghost IS:

- 1. power
- 2. separate
- 3. inner, outer
- 4. language.

witness, language

Chapter 6

What happens in the desert:

- 1. flesh
- 2. distract.
- 3. cravings
- 4. Word of God. distract, discourage, question
- food, water
- sex
- sleep
- hard, written
- stand, scriptures

Chapter 7

- disease
- nature
- demons
- death

Chapter 8

- Beatitudes
- B, D, F, H, G, I, A, E, C
- The Golden Rule
- others, you
- The Seven 'I AM'S' OF JESUS
- B, E, C, A, F, D, G
- spirit, life

Chapter 9

Six Types of Prayer

- petition
- Thanksgiving
- Agreement
- Intercession
- Binding, Loosing
- Warfare

Ten Things Jesus Prayed For His Disciples

- 11 a. keep through Your Name
- 11 b. make them one
- 13 that we would have His joy
- 15 a. don't take them out of the world
- 15 b. keep them from the evil one
- 17 sanctify them by the truth
- 20 prayer for future believers
- 21 that they all may be one
- 24 that we would be with Him in heaven
- 26 that the Father's love would be in them

Chapter 10

- After Calvary
- die, Adam's, unpaid, passed down, bill, void, inner peace, dominion.
- payment, inherited
- BECAME
- eliminate, right, right to rule
- WRONG, active
- flesh, eternal spirit, flesh wars, stripped

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 The secret to being a lion is found in the ways of the eagle. Selah. *The Spirit of the Finisher lives in you.
 *The secret to external victory is internal submission.
 *The secret to every creature... " (Mk. 16:15)
 Live for a cause. Live for a job. Don't live for a job.

BREAK THE CODE

**Your textbook cover
contains many hidden
messages of your
TBI journey.
Can you find them?**