



# FOLLOWING JESUS

*No turning back*

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The Foundations-For-Life series was written originally to support young adults in their commitment to follow Jesus Christ. The first workbook, *The Adventures of Following Jesus*, was written in 1994 exclusively for the students of Texas Bible Institute. Each of the remaining nine workbooks also teach timeless truths and provide answers found in God's Word, the Holy Bible. TBI is an outreach of Burchfield Ministries International, Inc. in Columbus, Texas.

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The overall objective of the Foundations-For-Life series is to:

- Make unshakeable disciples for Jesus Christ
- Create a love for the inspired Word of God
- Introduce the adventures of being a bold Bible believer

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



1983

*Dear Sons and Daughters,  
Welcome to the great adventure of following Jesus Christ!*

*We are proud that you have chosen to build your life on God's unchanging Word. The decisions you are making during these treasured TBI months will determine the course of your life, family, and future legacy. Pastor Tommy and I both made those same choices fifty years ago!*

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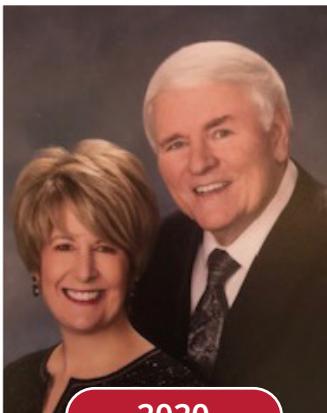
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*In His Joy,*

*Pastors Tommy and Rachel Burchfield*

*Founder and President, Texas Bible Institute*



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*"For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:1*

# WHAT WE BELIEVE

GOD IS  
OUR FATHER



*As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. Psalm 103:13*

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort...  
II Corinthians 1:3*

JESUS CHRIST IS  
OUR SAVIOR



*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John. 3:16*

*I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. John 14:6*

THE HOLY SPIRIT  
EQUIPS BELIEVERS



*However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth. John 16:13*

*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me... to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8*

THE HOLY BIBLE  
CAN BE TRUSTED



*Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away." Matthew 24:35*

*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. II Timothy 3:16*

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*Welcome to the adventures of following Jesus Christ*

TBI President, **Texas** • but we continue to build gospel. Israel '00 **India** to Washington D.C. to Homeland Security rights. Silver Joy '11 called me to return to I lead the largest faith-in the nation. Botlhe '12 me from being a dancer doctorate degree in Education. Dr. Tyra '92 **Texas** • I could barely pray for longer than a minute on my own, and now spending time in prayer and the Word with Jesus is my joy! Francis '13 **Nigeria** • Since 2000, Jesus has protected me in my Law Enforcement career and given me great faith for my two children with disabilities. Trent '98 **Texas** • I followed Jesus into pageants, winning third runner-up in the 1997 Miss America contest, and currently co-host a Pure Flix show about financial freedom. Alison '93 **Tennessee** • I share the Light of Jesus within the Texas Army National Guard, mentor and guide couples within the Marriage Ministry at my local church. Bobby '95 and Annette '00 **Texas** • I followed Jesus to Mexico where my bush-pilot-missionary husband, four kids and I serve the Indigenous tribes. Rachel '99 **Mexico** • I followed Jesus into the military and became an Air Force Chaplain. Capt. Benjamin, 28th Bomb Wing Chaplain '01 **Texas** • Jesus changed a shy teen hiding behind a camera to now serve Him as the Capitol Hill cameraman and Editor for CBN News in Washington D.C. Mario '94 **Virginia** • From a broken home and broken families, Jesus led me into the loving arms of my amazing husband and we are raising three wiggly kids and serving in our local church. Jennifer '12 **Louisiana** • I let Jesus lead me into the education field, and now I help edit and publish TBI's curriculum. Megan '19 **Texas** • Jesus led us to adopt three siblings, then a troubled teen, making our family of five turn into nine. Jacob and Jamie '07 **Arkansas** • Jesus let me marry my TBI sweetheart, raise four amazing kids, manage five businesses, and serve in our local church. Mike and Tesa '97 **Louisiana** • While serving in Afghanistan, in 2010, my leg was blown off, but what Jesus taught me at TBI kept me strong. Gabriel '96 **Texas**

**TBI Alumni 1991-2021**

*Chapter 1*

# FOLLOWING JESUS, MY SAVIOR

*Adventure* (ad ven'cher), Defined - An unusual or exciting experience. During this great adventure, you will visit and experience eight highlights of Jesus' earth life. Each "road stop" will provide an invaluable *lesson* that will correspond with your adventures of following Jesus. Your first visit is to a manger in Israel; a few miles outside of Bethlehem.



# YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

*Highlight these Chapter One Scriptures in your Bible*

## JOHN 3:3

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

## ACTS 4:12

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Disciple Attribute #1: Supernatural Birth
- What does it mean to follow Jesus?
- 5 Evidences of True Salvation
- Following Jesus to eternal salvation

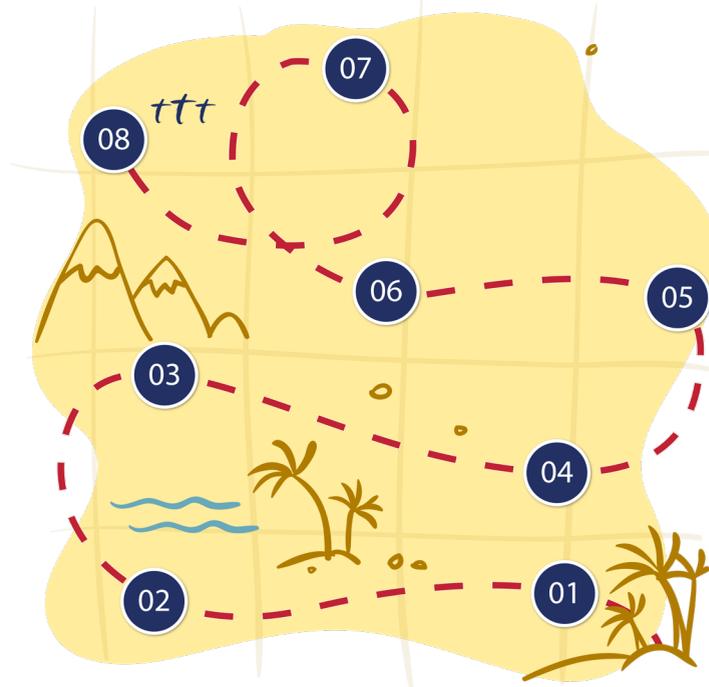
*The central message of  
the Bible is about Jesus.*

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

# YOUR ADVENTURE AWAITS

8 ROAD TRIPS | 8 LESSONS | 1 TOUR GUIDE

During this great adventure, you will visit and experience eight highlights of Jesus' life. Each road stop will provide an invaluable lesson of who He was, as recorded in the gospels of the Holy Bible, and Who He is today in the lives of His followers.



## EIGHT HIGHLIGHTS OF JESUS' LIFE

### Road Stops

1. The Manger
2. Water Baptism
3. Desert Temptations
4. Galilee
5. Mount of Olives
6. The Last Supper
7. Garden of Gethsemane
8. Calvary/ Hades / Heaven

### Disciple's Lesson

- Supernatural Birth
- Obedience
- A Word-Ruled Lifestyle
- Faith
- Bible Reading
- Servanthood
- Prayer
- Christian Fellowship

### Tour Guide - Jesus

- The Savior
- The Lord
- The Word
- The Baptizer
- The Teacher
- The Servant
- The High Priest
- The Victorious King

Each road trip in Jesus' journey is a lesson for His disciples today.

# FOLLOWING JESUS, MY SAVIOR

## ROAD STOP #1: THE MANGER AT BETHLEHEM



The most supernatural event in history occurred in a small and insignificant manger. Read that again and ponder that. Such are the ways of God. It is occupied by a few animals which were probably owned by the traveling guests of the innkeeper. The streets had been filled with people hurrying to their ancestral home for the required Roman census. They are too busy rushing to be counted to realize the most supernatural event 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 as a special host of angels made a spectacular earth announcement. The Savior of the world was born. The baby Jesus was welcomed by a few shepherds, but the rest of the world rushed on... trying to be counted.

## JESUS HAD A SUPERNATURAL BIRTH

Everything about the birth of Jesus was supernatural. His Jewish mother was a teenage virgin, possibly only 14 years old. Her name was Mary, and an angel named Gabriel appeared to her.

Angel: Mary! God wants to do something awesome!

Mary: Wonderful! Count me in.

Angel: God is going to perform a miracle in you that will bless the entire world.

Mary: Wonderful. I'm ready.

Angel: You're going to become pregnant without the intimacy of your fiancé, Joseph.

Mary: Uh... how's that going to happen?

Angel: All you need to do is to say "Yes" to God's plan.

Mary: Yes, Lord! I'm yours. *(Be it unto me according to Thy Word. Lk. 1:38)*

Angel: Mary, you're going to be so blessed for saying "Yes." What God promised you will come true.

## A BABY NAMED "SAVIOR"

Gabriel also appeared to Joseph to instruct him of the baby's name and purpose. What was it?

\_\_\_\_\_ *Mat. 1:21*

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

**Jesus had a supernatural birth. His followers will do the same. But how?**

Admit you are a sinner. **Believe** Jesus died for you.  
Confess Jesus is your Savior.

***Jesus told Nicodemus, "Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.'"***

*Jn. 3:6-7 NLT*

## WHAT BEING BORN AGAIN IS NOT

- Being a good person
- Turning over a new leaf
- Going to church
- Reading the Bible

Just as Jesus was born inside of Mary's physical body, Jesus' spirit can be born (again) in your spirit. Mary is an example for us all. The result of her "yes" was Jesus' physical birth. The result of your "yes" is a spiritual birth. You are saved!

## WHY DO I NEED A SAVIOR?

Q. Why do I need a Savior?

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Eph. 2:1

Q. What caused this spiritual death?

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Rom. 5:12

Q. What will occur if I die in my sin?

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Rom. 6:23

Q. What should repentance look like?

A. Repentance is a regret of sin with a corresponding change of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Mat. 4:17



**God created family.**



**Sin separated family.**



**Christ reconciled family.**



**Family enjoys Father God.**

*And God has made all things new, and reconciled us to Himself... II Cor. 5:18 TPT*



**67 AD**

Early Christians, who refused to deny Christ, were put into shirts made of wax and burned alive on crosses to light Nero's royal gardens.

They forsook all and followed Him. *Lk. 5:11*

## WHAT ARE YOU SAVED FROM?

You are saved from the wrath of God, but His anger was not towards you. It's actually the exact opposite. God hates sin because it separated you from His love. The outpouring of the wrath of God was the greatest act of love this world has ever seen. The hope for sinners is that between us and the wrath of God stands the Cross of Jesus.

**Word Picture:** A dam which has been holding water back bursts. God's wrath against sin burst and was unleashed on Jesus at Calvary, instead of you.

*Jn. 3:36, Rom. 1:18, Rom. 2:5, 3:23-25, Rom. 5:9, Heb. 10:31*



Between you  
and the wrath of  
God stands the  
cross of Jesus.

## IS JESUS THE ONLY SAVIOR?

*Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is \_\_\_\_\_*

*under heaven given among men by which \_\_\_\_\_ . Acts 4:12*

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except*

*\_\_\_\_\_." Jn. 14:6*

## 5 EVIDENCES OF TRUE SALVATION

### 1. **Desire to do right:**

Now that you are saved, Jesus' spirit lives inside of 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 because you have pleased Jesus.

### 2. **Desire to read the Bible:**

Even if the Bible seems 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 any more than the saved want to go to a nightclub. Your sinful nature was exchanged for righteousness. Loving the house of God proves that you are born again and changing your behavior.

### 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. To repent means to confess your sin and change. Learn to repent quickly, sincerely and move on!

I don't care who it puts me with or separates me  
from. I'm going to follow Jesus.

# FOLLOWING JESUS, MY SAVIOR

01

Each road stop of Jesus' life represents a lesson for His followers.

02

Being born again is a supernatural, spiritual birth.

03

A lifestyle of repentance involves regretting sin and changing behavior.

04

Jesus Christ is the only Savior who rescued man from the penalty of sin.



## Supporting Scriptures

*1 Jn. 2:6*

*Jn. 3:3*

*Jn. 3:36*

*Eph. 2:1*

*Rom. 6:23*

*Rom. 10:13*

*1 Pet. 3:18*

*1 Jn. 4:14*



*Chapter 2*

# FOLLOWING JESUS, MY LORD

At some point, you'll need to decide if Jesus Christ was a liar, a lunatic or the Lord. If a *liar*, he should be cursed. If a *lunatic*, he should be shunned, but if truly the *Lord*, He should be followed. Are you ready to tell the world that Jesus is your Lord and Leader?



# YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

*Highlight these Chapter Two scriptures in your Bible*

## **MARK 8:35**

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

## **ROMANS 6:4**

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

- Disciple Attribute #2: Obedience
- What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?
- The seven rewards of obedience
- Following Jesus in water baptism

*Obedience to God's Word always  
brings rewards.*

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

# FOLLOWING JESUS, MY LORD



## ROAD STOP #2: WATER BAPTISM

Do you struggle to follow Jesus? Are you still in control of your life? Maybe it's time to release that control and surrender to Jesus. Following Jesus is quite easy when you simply do what He did as recorded in the four gospels. When Jesus turned thirty years old, He knew the time had come to begin His heavenly assignment. How did He go public? He was baptized in water.

**Let's follow the example of Jesus, our Lord.**

***Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. But John tried to talk him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you," he said, "so why are you coming to me?" But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires." So John agreed to baptize him. After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy." Mat. 3:13-17 NLT***

Why would Jesus need to be baptized in water? Primarily, as the perfect Son of God, He wanted to establish a divine picture of what it represented. Secondly, as the Son of Man, Jesus had to humble Himself to that watery grave and announce His supreme allegiance to God's plan.

### What Water Baptism Is

- Going public for Jesus
- Symbol of a believer's death, burial and resurrection
- Declaring "I have a new master."
- A commandment, not a suggestion

### What Water Baptism Is Not

- Not essential for salvation
- Does not wash away your sins
- Membership for a church
- A baby dedication

Water baptism is an outward expression of a previous salvation experience. You don't follow the Lord in water baptism to *get* saved. It is an announcement that you are saved.

Water baptism is an outward expression  
of an inward faith.

## FOUR PICTURES OF WATER BAPTISM

01

**Rom. 6:1**

Death, burial and resurrection of Jesus

02

**I Cor. 10:1**

Comparison of Moses' followers

03

**Col. 2:11 TLB**

Circumcision of Christ

04

**I Pet. 3:20 NLT**

Noah was saved from the water by the water.

## BREAK RANK!

Water baptism is similar to planning, sending invitations and attending your own funeral. It puts a line of demarcation between your past sins and your new life in Christ. It is a symbol that you are drawing a line in the sand that Jesus is your new Master. You are agreeing with Romans 6:6 that your old man is dead and the new life needed to obey Jesus is in you. You enter the baptismal tank with a cross and exit with a crown.

## ARE YOU READY?

***For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Rom. 6:4 NLT***

I believe...

- I "died with Christ" on Calvary's cross. (Standing in the water)
- I was "buried with Christ" in that tomb. (Immersed in a "watery grave")
- I was "raised to new life" with Christ. (Representing resurrection)
- My supreme allegiance is to Jesus, my Leader. (Visual announcement)

No turning back!

The secret to obedience is hiding in the middle of the word.

## WHEN JESUS IS LORD ...

Trusting Jesus to be your Savior is a one-time decision, but following Him as the Lord of your life is a lifelong process. How do you know if He's really your Lord?

### *Obedience*

You'll obey the initial prompting of the Holy Spirit without arguing about it.

### *Commitment*

You're committed to follow His will, even when you don't know what His will is.

### *Dedication*

When He says, "Will you ...?" your answer is "yes" before He finishes the question.

### *Recognition*

You will recognize His ownership of all that you have and all that you are.

### *Passion*

Your overwhelming passion is to please Him, despite the loving discipline.

The root word for disciple is discipline. Learning obedience will become one of your greatest secrets of strength. Jesus had to learn obedience, and so will you. Jesus was human. He dealt with fleshly appetites, rebellion towards authority and even sexual lusts. How do I know? The Bible says so:

***This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. Heb. 4:15 NLT***

## LEARNING OBEDIENCE IS PROGRESSIVE

Obedience to God doesn't come naturally. It's something that you learn by a gradual awareness that God is good and can be trusted. Three distinct moments that make Jesus' example of obedience clear include:

- His parents at 12 (*Lk. 2:51*)
- His mother at 30 (*Jn. 2:4*)
- His Father at 33 (*Lk. 22:42*)

Learning obedience is progressive. The first lesson is to learn to submit to loving parents, but eventually, you'll be required to obey someone not quite so loving. As you learn to salute the position, not the person, an obedient spirit is being developed and you're being trained for greatness. As beneficial as external obedience is, God's ultimate goal is to develop that internal obedience to Him.

## TWO VOICES OF AUTHORITY

\_\_\_\_\_ Authority (Parents, Pastor, Employer, Police)

\_\_\_\_\_ Authority (Holy Spirit in your human spirit)

## TRAINED BY THE MASTER

You are like a young stallion who is being broken over a long period of time by the master rider. The training was tedious, but once obedience is learned, a champion emerges for all to admire.

Following Jesus as Lord is an ongoing process of being “trained on the inside.” That inside Voice will lead you into great adventures, but also lead you away from danger and negative influences. Until you submit to your inside voice of authority, you will forever be controlled by external voices. The good news is that you don’t need to follow Jesus in your own strength.

## HELP HAS ARRIVED

There are two sides to this baptism: the first is when you possess the Spirit, and the second is when the Spirit possesses you. The Holy Spirit is inside of you, always helping and always supplying what you need to fulfill your promise to make Jesus your Leader and Lord. Obedience isn’t always easy, but it always brings a reward.

## EIGHT REWARDS OF OBEDIENCE

*Blessings*  
Dt. 28:1

*Healing*  
Ex. 15:26

*Success*  
Jos. 1:8

*Abundance*  
Is. 1:19

*Heaven*  
Mat. 7:21

*Revelation*  
Jn. 14:21

*Long life*  
Eph. 6:1-3

*Purpose*  
Eph. 1:11

***Jesus was water baptized and learned obedience.  
His followers will do the same. I Jn. 2:6***



### **1st Century**

Rome’s Colosseum was filled with cheering spectators as starving lions chased and devoured Christians who refused to deny Christ.

They forsook all and followed Him. *Luke 5:11*

## FOLLOWING JESUS, MY LORD

01

Water baptism is an outward expression of an inward faith.

02

Water baptism is a commandment, not a suggestion.

03

Water baptism symbolizes the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

04

Learning obedience is God's pathway to greatness.



### Supporting Scriptures

*Dt. 28:1-2*

*Is. 1:19*

*Mat. 3:16*

*Mat. 28:19*

*Mk. 16:16*

*Jn. 14:21*

*Ac. 2:38*

*Rom. 6:4*



*Chapter 3*

# FOLLOWING JESUS, THE WORD

*Three* little words can change everything. "I love you," "Please forgive me," or "I need you," are good examples. But, do you know the most powerful *three words* of all? They are the most indispensable weapon in a Jesus-Follower's arsenal.



# YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

*Highlight these Chapter Three scriptures in your Bible*

## **MARK 8:36-37**

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

## **JOHN 1:1,14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

- Disciple Attribute #3: Word-ruled lifestyle
- What does being a disciple of the Word look like?
- The five most important words
- Following Jesus by putting His Word first

*"Put the Word in you when you don't need it, and it will be there for you when you do need it."  
-Tommy Burchfield*

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

# FOLLOWING JESUS, THE WORD



## ROADSTOP #3: DESERT TEMPTATIONS

We will follow Jesus today to the desert where He reveals Himself as the Living Word. You will learn of His commitment to fast forty days and hold your breath as Satan unleashes his vengeance. Ultimately, He will teach you the power behind knowing three little words... "It is written!" You will marvel at His victory. Jesus defeated Satan not by His position, but by the Word - the Sword of the Lord - a weapon available to all believers.

## JESUS IS THE WORD

*In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God and the Word was God. Jn. 1:1 NLT*

### True or False:

- The Word took human form and became Jesus, Son of Man.
- He (God) sent His Word and healed them ... Ps. 107:20
- The Word moved from heaven to earth and was named Jesus.
- Jesus was the human expression of the Word.

True

False

*So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. Jn. 1:14 NLT*

**Try This!** We have established that the Word moved from heaven to earth and became Jesus, the Son of Man. As you read the gospels, try interchanging the name "Jesus" with the "Word" and you'll begin to see the pattern for today's believer. Jesus and the Word are the same. Here are some examples:

- Mat. 9:21 - The woman with the issue of blood reached out to touch Jesus the Word and she was healed.
- Peter walked on the water as he gazed at Jesus the Word. You'll also "walk on the water" today by gazing at the Word.

Jesus is the Word made alive. We follow the Living Word by obeying His written Word. Why did He say, "If you love Me, keep my word?" Because Jesus IS the Word. When you obey the written Word of God, you are obeying Jesus.

**Remember this, dear one. The gospels record Jesus in human form.  
The Word of God is Jesus in written form.**

We follow the Living Word by obeying the written Word.

## THE EVIL “IF”

**While in the desert, Jesus encountered three attacks by Satan.** There are only three; lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life.

## TEMPTATION DEFINED

*1 John 2:16*

KING JAMES	AMPLIFIED	THE MESSAGE
Lust of the _____	Craving for sensual gratification	Wanting your own way
Lust of the _____	Greedy longing of the mind	Wanting everything for yourself
Pride of _____	Assurance in one’s own resources or in the stability of earthly things	Wanting to appear important

We recognize those same three attacks against Jesus in Matthew chapter four.

### 01. *Lust of the Flesh*

*Mat. 4:3*

And when the tempter came to him, he said, ***if thou be the Son of God ...***

### 02. *Pride of Life*

*Mat. 4:5*

Then the devil took him up into the holy city and said to him, ***if thou be the Son of God ...***

### 03. *Lust of the Eyes*

*Mat. 4:8*

Again, the devil ... showed him all the kingdoms of the world, ... and said to him, All these things will I give thee, ***if thou wilt fall down and worship me.***

The evil “IF” is still prevalent today.

- **IF** God is good, why is there so much evil in the world?
- **IF** God is good, why did my loved one die so young?
- **IF** God’s Word is true, why am I still struggling?

A believer’s indispensable weapon  
is knowing “it is written.”

## THE EVE SYNDROME

Satan's tricks are not new. His one trap is to cause us to question God's Word or His goodness. We see a clear picture of this in the Garden of Eden when he taunted Eve with, "Did God really say?" Gen. 3:1. She fell for Satan's trap, and then, he tricked Adam, too. But, four millennia later, Jesus said, "Satan, you tricked Adam, but you can't trick me." Satan met his match when Jesus unleashed the authority of God's Word on him.

## THE BIG QUESTION

It wasn't Jesus, Son of God, who was in that desert. It was the human side of Jesus, Son of Man. Why is this important? Because Jesus had to settle something, once and for all, and so will you. He had to answer that big question. Who is the final authority? Over disease? Over temptations? Over cravings? This big question comes to you, too. Will you forever be controlled by your circumstances or will you determine to live by the written Word of God? Don't be shaken. The Word in you will defeat Satan every time.

## THE WORD-RULED LIFESTYLE

Jesus is our example, so we should read the gospels frequently. By the authority of the Word (*not His position*), He ruled over demons, disease and death. He ruled over ignorance and inconvenience. He ruled over religion and the reaction of relatives. Read these powerful scriptures out loud about the Word (Jesus).

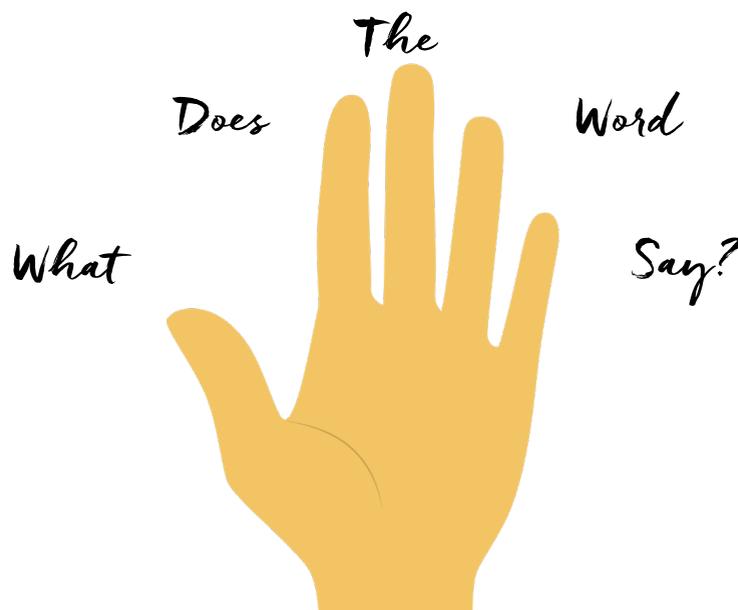
- **For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword...** Heb. 4:12
- **...He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.** I Jn. 4:4
- **Resist the devil and he will flee from you.** Jms. 4:7
- **Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.** Mat. 4:11

*"If you can find where "It is written," you, too,  
can put the devil on the run."  
-Tommy Burchfield*

WHAT DO YOU FEEL?	WHAT DO YOU SAY?
You feel a headache	<b>It is written:</b> I was healed by the stripes of Jesus. -I Peter 2:24
You feel all alone	<b>It is written:</b> I will never leave you or forsake you. -Hebrews 13:5
You feel poor	<b>It is written:</b> For my God shall supply all my needs. -Philippians 4:19
You feel fear	<b>It is written:</b> No weapon formed against me shall prosper. -Isaiah 54:17

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

## THE FIVE MOST IMPORTANT WORDS



When we speak the Word, we are releasing the power of Jesus.

***It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. Mat. 4:4***

What three words did Jesus use to defeat Satan?

*Matthew 4:4, 6, 8*

## THE WORD - FIRST AND FINAL

Are you ready to follow Jesus, the Word? You can begin by creating a new habit of consulting the Word first; before you go to the doctor and before you call your best friend. Regardless of their opinions, the report from the Word is final. Jesus IS the Word. When you follow the Word, you are following Jesus. We put Jesus first in our lives by going to His Word first.

***Jesus defeated Satan with the Word. His followers will do the same. 1 Jn. 2:6***



**1608**

Italian father Francis taught his family to follow Christ. For his faith, his children were executed before him, and he and his wife were fed to dogs.

# FOLLOWING JESUS, THE WORD

01

The Word took human form and became Jesus, Son of Man.

02

Jesus defeated every attack by speaking "It is written..."

03

We follow the Living Word by obeying His written Word.

04

We put Jesus first in our lives by acting upon His Word first.



## Supporting Scriptures

*Ps. 33:6*

*Ps. 107:20*

*Mat. 4:4*

*Jn. 1:1*

*Jn. 1:14*

*Eph. 6:17*

*Heb. 4:12*

*Rev. 19:13*



*Chapter 4*

# FOLLOWING JESUS, THE MIRACLE WORKER

While on a Southwest Airline's flight, I raised a woman from the dead! Her name was Ruby. She suffered a cardiac arrest, so a doctor and I administered *CPR* for 30 minutes. When he finally declared her *dead*, a violent faith rose up within me, so I rebuked the spirit of death in the name of Jesus. She was *revived*! Later in the hospital, I prayed a salvation prayer with her. I was 22.



# YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

*Highlight these Chapter Four scriptures in your Bible*

## HEBREWS 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

## MATTHEW 19:26

But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Disciple Attribute #4: Expectant Faith
- How does a disciple of Jesus release the Miracle Worker within?
- What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?
- Following Jesus' model to release the anointing

*Miracles confirm the Word of God is true.*

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

# FOLLOWING JESUS, THE MIRACLE WORKER

*Miracles are real!*

Here are just a few of the thousands from our Discovery Camp program:

*Scoliosis caused my spine to curve 30 degrees, but Jesus completely healed me.*

*- Frances*

*During worship, a lump on the side of my neck just gradually dissolved. No surgery!*

*- Kari*

*In the dorm, my friends prayed for me, and I was delivered from a tormenting demon.*

*- Alanna*

*Jesus delivered me instantly from cocaine and a broken heart. I've been free 8 years.*

*- Chad*

As a Jesus-Follower, you already have a miracle ministry inside of you! My book, *Miracle Moments* (Charisma House, 2013), is a manual for miracles; training thousands to release the Miracle Worker who dwells in them. Mark's gospel gives a good overview of what's available to you today.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus performed miracles to show  
Father God's heart for people.

## THE MIRACLES OF JESUS OVERVIEW

Total miracles recorded	36	Miracles for desperate parents	5
Miracles of healing or deliverance	26	Unusual request preceded the miracle	8
Miracles over death	4	Miracles due to focused faith	9
Miracles of nature	9	Miracles occurred in a synagogue	3
A friend/relative brought them to Jesus	12	Miracles occurred 'along the way'	33

Jesus never turned anyone away who asked for a miracle.

*Why don't you take a pitstop, lay your hand on this chart and ask God to use you in His miracle power?*

## THE MAKING OF MIRACLE WORKERS

SCRIPTURE	THE ACTION	THE ASSIGNMENT
Mat. 3:16	The Miracle Worker Is Filled	Receive the Holy Spirit
Mat. 5-7	The Miracle Worker Teaches	The message - Thy Kingdom come
Mat. 9:35	The Miracle Worker Demonstrates	Teaching, preaching, healing all
Mat. 9:36	The Miracle Worker's Initiator	Follow compassion
Mat. 10:1	The Miracle Worker Equips	He appointed 70 to heal and cast out demons.
Mat. 14:23	The Miracle Worker Prays	Stay fueled by Holy Spirit through prayer
Lk. 10:20	The Miracle Worker's Warning	Focus on eternal salvation; the greatest miracle
Mk. 16:15-20	The Miracle Worker's Commission	Go ...in My name... expect five things.

**When you do what Jesus did, you will see what Jesus saw.**

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

# AN OVERVIEW OF THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Jesus was baptized in the Holy Spirit. Jn. 1:33*

- Jn. 7:38 Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as an inner \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jn. 14:16 Jesus promises to \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit.
- Jn. 16:7-15 Jesus explains the \_\_\_\_\_ of Holy Spirit.
- Acts 1:8 Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ believers to receive.
- Acts 2:4 Holy Spirit moves to earth to live inside of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Acts 2:38 Peter says the Holy Spirit is for \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the generations.
- Acts 4:31 During \_\_\_\_\_, disciples were refilled, the building shook, the Word preached with boldness.
- Acts 9:17 Saul of Tarsus (also known as \_\_\_\_\_) received the Holy Spirit's power.
- Acts 10:44 The Holy Spirit fell upon \_\_\_\_\_ as Peter preached.
- Acts 19:2 Paul asked, "Have you received the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_? This proves the baptism of the Holy Spirit is different from salvation.

## SPEAKING IN TONGUES - TWO TYPES

	<b>A Prayer Language</b>	<b>The Gift of Tongues</b>
Who's speaking:	Believer to God	God to unbelievers
Why:	Personal edification	A sign gift for unbelievers
Interpretation:	Not needed. God understands.	Yes. The Gift of Interpretation is needed.
Where:	<i>Ac 2:4, Rom. 8:26, I Cor. 14:4, Jude vs.20</i>	<i>I Cor. 12:10, I Cor. 14:22-27</i>



### 1800

Liu spent 30 years as a slave in northeast China after he was arrested and exiled for sharing the gospel with everyone he met.

# 6 FAQ ABOUT THE ANOINTING

Q. What is the anointing?

A. The Spirit of Jesus in a person, place or thing through the presence of His Holy Spirit.

Q. Where is the anointing?

A. The anointing (Spirit of Jesus) already dwells in every believer. *1 Jn. 2:20, 27*

Q. Why did God give you the anointing?

A. To help you obey the Word and do the works of Jesus

Q. Why don't we see more miracles?

A. Doubt, unbelief and believers who wait for a feeling, instead of acting on the Word.

Q. How do I start operating in the anointing?

A. The anointing is disguised as compassion. What Jesus began, the Body of Christ continues. Study *Luke 4:18* and get busy.

Q. Can the anointing penetrate an object?

A. Yes. Read *Acts 19:11* where Paul released miracles by anointing handkerchiefs.

*Then the disciples (and \_\_\_\_\_) went out and preached everywhere, and the LORD*

*NAME*

*worked with them and confirmed His word by the signs that accompanied it. Mk. 16:20*

*Jesus relied on the Holy Spirit to perform miracles. His followers will do the same. 1 Jn. 2:6*

If you'll give God your 'natural,' He'll give you His 'super.'" Together you will be supernatural.

# FOLLOWING JESUS, THE MIRACLE WORKER

01

Jesus demonstrated miracles to reveal God's love.

02

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the doorway to miracles.

03

Do the works of Jesus, and leave the results to God.

04

The same anointing that Jesus had abides in you.



## Supporting Scriptures

*Mat. 9:35*

*Mk. 16:17*

*Mk. 16:20*

*Ac. 1:8*

*Heb. 13:8*

*I Jn. 2:20*

*I Jn. 2:27*

*I Jn. 4:17*

# Cannibals: A True Story

*"But you beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit... Jude vs. 20*

	True	False
Jesus was a miracle worker.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jesus still is a miracle worker.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jesus, the Miracle Worker, lives in me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I want Jesus, the Miracle Worker, to use me to help others.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Deep in the heart of Africa in 1922, missionary H.B. Garlock found himself a prisoner of the dreaded Pahn Tribe. Cannibals. His team members abandoned him. Under a full moon, he sat on an elephant skull as the witch doctor harangued him for over an hour.

"Lord, send Your Spirit to help me," Garlock prayed. He sensed a strange boldness and began to speak a language he had never heard. For twenty minutes, Garlock spoke in the Pahn Tribe's native dialect, telling of a good God who has defeated all evil spirits. The witch doctor gave the order, and a white rooster was brought forward. With the snap of its neck, the witch doctor smeared some blood on Garlock's forehead, and he was set free.

Eventually the Pahn Tribe gave up their cannibal life and converted to Christianity; a miracle that began through the power found in speaking in tongues.

*Editor's note: I heard Garlock's elderly widow tell this story firsthand, and her son (also a missionary) was my dear friend.*



A disciple of Jesus develops the discipline of staying Spirit-filled and Spirit-spilled.

## Reflection

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## SEARCH

Explore the adventures of **New Power**.

Ac. 1:8, Ac. 2:38, 1 Th. 5:18

It's safe to trust Jesus

*Chapter 5*

**FOLLOWING  
JESUS,  
MY TEACHER**

Words. Long words. Short *words*. Sad words. Silly words. There's a lot of 'em. Webster's Dictionary lists 470,000 *words*! If you're intellectually average, you know approximately 30,000 words, but how important are they? Not as important as the *words* of Jesus.



# YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

*Highlight these Chapter Five scriptures in your Bible*

## **MATTHEW 7:28-29**

“... the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”

## **JOHN 6:63**

Jesus said, “...the words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.”

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

- Disciple Attribute #5: Bible reading
- What attitude should a disciple have towards the words of Jesus?
- A quick tip to understand 36 parables
- Following Jesus by reading His Word

*The Bible is the only  
book Jesus quoted.*

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

# FOLLOWING JESUS, MY TEACHER



## ROAD STOP #5: MOUNT OF OLIVES

Today's Road Stop is the Mount of Olives; a multi-summit limestone mountain ridge east of Jerusalem's Old City. We will listen to Jesus teach the Sermon on the Mount, which is the foundation to everything else He taught.

### *Fast Facts*

Sermon on the Mount

- Matthew ch. 5-7
- For disciples, not multitude
- 60 Topics
- The Beatitudes
- The Lord's Prayer
- Manifesto on Kingdom of God



- Adultery
- Anger
- Appearance
- Decisions
- Enemies
- Fasting
- Fault Finding
- Food
- Gentleness
- Happiness
- Heaven
- Hell
- Hypocrisy
- Lawsuits
- Loans
- Insecurity
- Investments

### The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12

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|---|---|
| ___ Blessed are the poor in spirit                              | A. For they shall be called the children of God |
| ___ Blessed are they that mourn                                 | B. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven          |
| ___ Blessed are the meek  | C. For they shall be comforted                  |
| ___ Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness | D. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven          |
| ___ Blessed are the merciful                                    | E. For they shall inherit the earth             |
| ___ Blessed are the pure in heart                               | F. They shall obtain mercy                      |
| ___ Blessed are the peacemakers                                 | G. For they shall be filled                     |
| ___ Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness      | H. For they shall see God                       |

## JESUS' MINISTRY PATTERN

*Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. Mat. 9:35*

Where did Jesus preach first? \_\_\_\_\_

His sermon topic was \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus' three expression of ministry "in all cities and villages" was to teach, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

## ARE YOU WISE OR FOOLISH?

Read Jesus' serious warning in Luke 6:46-49 about the two builders. This parable compares building one's life on the teachings of Jesus to a flood-resistant building founded on solid rock.

*As for everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ to me and \_\_\_\_\_ my words and \_\_\_\_\_,*

*I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. Lk. 6:47-48 NIV*

### The Wise Man

- A wise person makes the words of Jesus a foundation to his/her life.
- Wisdom is related to your response to the words of Jesus.
- Wisdom can prevent your life (house) from being destroyed.
- Fools are inspired by the words of Jesus, but don't obey them.

### The Foolish Man

*But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? Lk. 6:46*

Mental assent is extremely deceptive. You can read, memorize and teach others about the words of Jesus and neglect being a doer of the Word.

Read the red and do what He said.  
#redletteredition

# THE SEVEN "I AM'S" OF JESUS

## Who did Jesus Christ claim to be?

Ponder these seven claims made by Jesus Himself and then determine whether He was, as apologist C.S. Lewis declared in his infamous Trilemma argument, a liar, lunatic, or Lord.

The Bread of Life	Jn. 6:35
The Light of the World	Jn. 8:12
The Door of the Sheep	Jn. 10:7,9
The Good Shepherd	Jn. 10:11,14
The Resurrection and Life	Jn. 11:25
The Way, the Truth, the Life	Jn. 14:6
The True Vine	Jn. 15:1, 5

## Fast Facts

### I AM's of Jesus

See Ex. 3:14. Jesus made 7 claims about Himself and then backed it up with a teaching or miracle!

## YOUR PERSONAL TUTOR

*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. Jn. 14:26*

1. What is the Holy Spirit's description? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Who sent you this Helper? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What does the Holy Spirit remind you of? \_\_\_\_\_

## THE TOP TEN THINGS THAT JESUS TAUGHT

1. God (376)
2. Heaven / Kingdom of God (273)
3. Hell / Judgment (172)
4. Make disciples (140)
5. Who He is (117)
6. Prayer (116)
7. Fatherhood of God (108)
8. Faith (104)
9. Love / compassion (65)
10. Second Coming (51)



1866

Robert smuggled Bibles into Korea to share Jesus Christ. His ship was attacked, and Robert was executed for offering a Bible to a soldier.

They forsook all and followed Him. *Luke 5:11*

## THE PARABLES

### Fast Facts

#### The 36 Parables

- Earthly story / Heavenly meaning
- 7 categories
- Used object lessons
- Read Luke 8:10
- See list on page 69

Cool Idea! If you read the Parables of Jesus in chronological order, it will reveal the progression of a Christian's life:

1. Foundational parables
2. Kingdom of Heaven
3. Behavior parables
4. Stewardship
5. Watchfulness & Judgment

Jesus often told stories called parables. A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. 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. See page 68 for a complete list of Jesus' parables. The number of parables and categories differ among Bible teachers, but they all respect the message of Jesus.

### The Kingdom of Heaven Chapter

Matthew ch. 13 has eight parables about the Kingdom of Heaven.

*Jesus taught with authority. His followers will do the same. 1 Jn. 2:6*

A parable is an earthly story  
with a heavenly message.

# FOLLOWING JESUS, MY TEACHER

01

Jesus taught with authority about the Kingdom of God.

02

Obedying the words of Jesus builds a strong foundation.

03

A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.

04

Jesus teaches today through the Holy Spirit, our personal tutor.



## Supporting Scriptures

*Mat. 7:29*

*Jn. 6:63*

*Jn. 6:68*

*Jn. 8:32*

*Jn. 14:26*

*Jn. 16:13*

*Lk. 7:49*

*I Jn. 2:27*



Chapter 6

# FOLLOWING JESUS, THE SERVANT

In a society steeped in *self-centered* independence, the concept of *servicing* others might seem repulsive. That is, until you 'get it.' And once you 'get it,' you'll know a joy that few experience. It seems that a life of symbolically washing stinky feet helps *stinky* hearts, too.



# YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

*Highlight these Chapter Six scriptures in your Bible*

## **MARK 10:45**

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

## **PHILIPPIANS 2:6-7**

Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

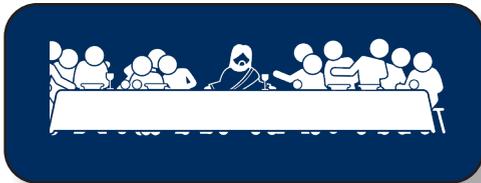
- Disciple Attribute #6: Servanthood
- How does “count the cost” as a disciple of Jesus relate to serving others?
- Greatness redefined
- Following Jesus through serving

*The Bible is about a  
Father and His family.*

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

# FOLLOWING JESUS, THE SERVANT

## ROAD STOP #6: THE LAST SUPPER



Our journey today leads us to an upper room in Jerusalem. The Master's strategy is about to be revealed. It is not a government take-over as His followers expected, but a seminar on true greatness.

Before the Passover celebration, **Jesus knew** that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. **Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.** *Jn. 13:1-5 NLT*

In ancient times, washing people's dusty, dirty feet was the expected task of a slave. What a humbling portrait of the Creator loving His creation. No task is too low if it releases His Father's love to others. This is the currency of His kingdom.

### THE PRAYER OF A SERVANT

"Father, use me to love others."

1. What did Jesus know about Judas while washing his feet? *Jn. 13:2* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What did Jesus know about Peter while washing his feet? *Jn. 13:10* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What did Jesus know about Himself and how did that affect His actions? *Jn. 13:3* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Our debt to God is made  
payable to men.

# THE HEART OF A SERVANT

“Father, let my attitudes and actions bring You pleasure.”

Jesus laid aside His Majesty to come to earth and show us the Father’s love. He achieved this by showing us the heart of a servant.



**Servant, defined:** Someone who performs work or a task for another person.  
One who expresses submission or debt to another

## What attitude did Jesus have towards God?

- *My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work. Jn. 4:34*
- *I have come down from Heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. Jn 6:38*
- *I always do those things that please Him. Jn. 8:29*

## What actions did this attitude prompt?

- Loving unlovely people
- Loving ungrateful people
- Loving undeserving people
- Loving awesome people

## Serving Others

- Our debt to God is made payable to man.
- Humility before or humiliation after...
- Swallowing your pride rarely leads to indigestion.
- Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.
- Jesus didn’t save you to be a sensation. He saved you to be a servant.

If you’re too big to serve,  
you are too small to lead.

## THE MINDSET OF A SERVANT

"God sent me to help you."

*Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Ph. 2:5-8*



In Philippians 2:7, we find an important Greek word, kenosis, which describes the "poured out" life of Jesus. It is clear that He "emptied out His divine privileges" to become a man; limited and lost without God. Study this word!

## THE SACRIFICES OF A SERVANT

"Sharing God's love supersedes personal convenience."

Jesus never minces words. What does it cost to be a disciple? A servant of the Lord? Everything.

Read these words of Jesus out loud:

*Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? Mk. 8:34-37*

No cost is too great when you recognize that you are saved to serve others. To serve others is serving Jesus. Would you mow a widow's yard? Fix a neighbor's flat tire? Babysit for a single mom?

*For I was hungry, and you \_\_\_\_\_.*  
*I was thirsty, and you \_\_\_\_\_ a drink.*  
*I was a stranger, and you \_\_\_\_\_ into your home.*  
*I was naked, and you \_\_\_\_\_ clothing.*  
*I was sick, and you \_\_\_\_\_.*  
*I was in prison, and you \_\_\_\_\_.*

*And the King will say, "I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to Me!" Mat. 25:35-40 NLT*

Practical love and support for others is the litmus test of being a Jesus Follower.

# THE REWARDS OF A SERVANT

## The God who records also rewards.

*“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “No one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.” Mk. 10:29-30*

### Temporal Rewards *Jn. 10:10*

- Serving makes God happy.
- Serving makes you happier.
- Serving inspires others to serve.
- Serving battles depression.
- Serving changes your life perspective.
- Serving lends to a longer lifespan.

### Eternal Rewards *Mat. 25:23*

- Commended by God—“Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”
- Promoted by God—Eternal assignments in the Millennial Reign.
- Invited to share the Master’s joy forever

We gain the most when we give. We learn the most when we teach. We receive the most when we serve. Is it any wonder that Jesus said, *“But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant.”* *Mat. 23:11*

## GREATNESS REDEFINED

The real test of a saint is not one’s willingness to preach the gospel, but one’s willingness to do something like washing the disciple’s feet -- that is, being willing to do those things that seem unimportant in human estimation but count as everything to God.

*Oswald Chambers*

*Jesus showed God’s love by serving others. His followers will do the same. I Jn. 2:6*



**1948**

*“Without fear, we sang in prisons 30 feet below the earth. We were terribly hungry, beaten, and tortured.”*  
Richard Wurmbrand, Tortured For Christ, In Communist prison for 14 years

# FOLLOWING JESUS, THE SERVANT

01

A servant's heart lives to glorify Father God.

02

True greatness comes from serving others.

03

Jesus is our example for the "poured out" life.

04

A servant's reward is eternal joy and honor.



## Supporting Scriptures

*Is. 42:1-4*

*Mat. 20:25-28*

*Mk. 10:45*

*Jn. 6:38*

*Jn. 13:3-5*

*Jn. 15:12-13*

*Ph. 2:6-7*

*Ph. 2:8*

# The Secret To Joy

*We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord. For even Christ didn't live to please himself. Rom. 15:2-3 NLT*

Being a servant is making an intentional choice to live the "poured out" life of Jesus. How do you do that?



Jesus First



Others Second



Yourself Last

**Being grateful to God motivates you to serve.**

1. What one truth keeps us grateful, according to Luke 10:20? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Being self-centered hinders serving others. Why did Jesus say, "It is better to give than to receive?" \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Who is the most selfless person you personally know? Why not tell them later and say a prayer of gratitude for them now. \_\_\_\_\_  
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A disciple of Jesus develops the discipline of serving.

## Reflection

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## SEARCH

Explore the adventures of **New Perspectives**

*Jer. 33:3, Col. 4:2,  
Jms. 4:8*

It's safe to trust Jesus

*Chapter 7*

**FOLLOWING  
JESUS,  
MY HIGH  
PRIEST**

Have you ever *lost* something that was precious to you? God has. He lost "you" and paid a premium *price* to get you back. What was lost in the Garden of Eden is about to be restored, but not without great suffering. This is the dreaded "*Count the Cost*" chapter where even Jesus has to learn obedience.



# YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

*Highlight these Chapter Seven scriptures in your Bible*

## **JOHN 14:13**

And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

## **HEBREWS 7:25**

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

- Disciple Attribute #7: Prayer
- How can a disciple of Jesus enjoy their prayer life?
- Three famous prayers to model
- Following Jesus by learning to pray

*The Bible breaks hard hearts and heals broken hearts.*

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

# FOLLOWING JESUS, MY HIGH PRIEST

Jesus' prayer life was a great example for all of us. Have you noticed the disciples never said, "Teach us to preach," but they did ask Him, "Teach us to pray." Why do you think that occurred?

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Let's read these scriptures about Jesus' attitude towards prayer:

## Morning prayer

*"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed." Mk. 1:35 NIV*

## Seasons of prayer before major decisions

*"...He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles." Lk. 6:12-13*

## Secret prayer

*"But you, when you pray, go into your room and when you have shut the door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly." Mat. 6:5-6*

## Hypocritical prayer condemned

*"And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites ... that they may be seen by men ... or use vain repetitions as the heathen do ... thinking they will be heard for their many words." Mt. 6:5,7*

## Confidence in prayer

*(Lazarus had died.) "Father, I thank You that you have heard Me." Jn. 11:41*

## 6 TYPES OF PRAYER

When you first begin praying, just talk to God as you would to a friend, but as your prayer life grows, you'll learn which type of prayer is needed and, actually, become Jesus' prayer partner.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| _____ Prayer of petition          | A. Jn. 14:13-14 |
| _____ Prayer of thanksgiving      | B. Jms. 4:7     |
| _____ Prayer of agreement         | C. Eph. 6:18    |
| _____ Prayer of intercession      | D. Ps. 103:1-5  |
| _____ Prayer of binding & loosing | E. Mat. 18:19   |
| _____ Spiritual warfare           | F. Mat. 18:18   |

# JESUS' THREE FAMOUS PRAYERS

Read these frequently, and make them a part of your daily life:

*Our Father...*

The Lord's Prayer  
*Mat. 6:9-13*

*Make them one ...*

The High Priestly  
Prayer  
*Jn. 17:1-26*

*Not My will,  
but Yours...*

The Garden of  
Gethsemane  
Prayer  
*Lk. 22:42*

## 01. THE "OUR FATHER" PRAYER *Mat. 6:9-13*

This model prayer would be more appropriately named The Disciple's Prayer because it teaches us how to pray and prioritize our day. See my comments and practice them daily.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.

➡ Focus on your father

Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

➡ Focus on God's will

Give us this day our daily bread.

➡ Focus on personal needs

And forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors.

➡ Focus on personal responsibility

And do not lead us into temptation,  
But deliver us from the evil one.

➡ Focus on prayer requests

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.

➡ Focus on bigger picture

Underline the word "Your" in Vs. 9-10, and write down what our three priorities should be as a disciple of Jesus.

Your \_\_\_\_\_, Your \_\_\_\_\_, Your \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer should be our first response, not our last resort.

*Peter Burchfield*

## 02. THE “MAKE THEM ONE” PRAYER *Jn. 17:1-26*

This is the longest recorded prayer of Jesus. It is also known as The High Priestly Prayer or the Farewell Prayer due to His ...“once and for all.”

Q. What did the High Priest do?

- A. He wore a special robe and was anointed to do three things:
- He represented God
  - He interceded for God’s people (prayed)
  - He offered sacrifices; worship and sin offerings

Q. What did Jesus mean when He said on the cross, “It is finished?”

A. It was the end of earthly high priests. Jesus became your High Priest forever.

Q. Do I need a High Priest today?

A. Yes. No one can reach God without a high priest. Without a high priest, forgiveness of sin or any expectation for answered prayer would be impossible.

Q. Who is my High Priest today?

A. Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. Heb. 4:14

Q. Why does Hebrews 4:16 instruct us to “...come boldly before the throne of grace?”

A. Because Jesus, your High Priest paid a premium price to meet your every need.

Q. Why is this called the “Make Them One” prayer?

A. This was Jesus’ prayer for all future disciples, as recorded in John 17:21.

*“ ... He always lives to make intercession for them.” Heb. 7:25*

All prayer is agreeing or decreeing.

### 03. THE "NOT MY WILL" PRAYER *Lk. 22:42*

After three years of His miracle ministry, we follow Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane. Do you think that Jesus wrestled with God's plan for His life? I do. Perhaps He was hoping for a Plan B when He prayed,



#### The Garden of Gethsemane Prayer

After sweating great drops of blood, He surrendered to God's plan and prayed what I call the "Garden of Gethsemane Prayer:

"Nevertheless, \_\_\_\_\_ but Yours, be done."

What the "Not My Will" prayer is NOT. This should never be a prayer regarding sickness or difficult times. Jesus paid for your healing on Calvary.

What the "Not My Will" prayer IS: This is a prayer of surrender and your source of joy.

#### Each one of us must pray this prayer often.

There's nothing fun about the agony of giving up our control. God's will vs. your will. Everything you've ever wanted past, present and future floats through your mind as you wrestle with "dying" for Jesus. Just remember that Satan focuses on the price and his whispers can never be trusted.

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

*Rachel's personal prayer of surrender on December 3, 1971*

*Jesus made prayer a priority. His followers will do the same. 1Jn. 2:6*



**2018**

Jack, owner of Masterpiece Cakeshop, was sued after he stood for his Christian faith, refusing to make a wedding cake for a homosexual couple.

# FOLLOWING JESUS, MY HIGH PRIEST

01

We develop a life of prayer by studying Jesus' prayer life.

02

Prayer should be our first response, not last resort.

03

"All things are possible" starts and ends with prayer.

04

Jesus is our great High Priest who is always praying for us.



## Supporting Scriptures

*Mat. 21:22*

*Lk.22:42*

*Jn. 14:13*

*Jn. 16:24*

*Rom. 8:26*

*Eph. 6:18*

*Heb. 7:25*

*I Jn. 5:14*

# Awkward Before Awesome

*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Ph. 4:6 NLT*

This old adage about an exercise program can apply to the discipline of prayer, too: "Ninety-nine percent of your success is simply showing up." Prayer may seem awkward before awesome, but, if you do it daily for just one week, you'll grow Strong-For-Life quickly.

One of my favorite guides to support your prayer life is:



Praise



Repent



Ask



Yield

Initially, you won't want to pray, but as you develop the discipline of daily prayer, you'll develop a fulfilling friendship with your Father. Let's get started now!

The time for my daily prayer is \_\_\_\_\_.

The length of my prayer time is \_\_\_\_\_ minutes. (Start w/ 10 minutes)

The location for my daily prayer is \_\_\_\_\_.

If I miss a prayer time, I will read \_\_\_\_\_ Ps. 86:5 \_\_\_\_\_ Mat. 6:6



A disciple of Jesus develops the discipline of prayer.

## Reflection

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*Chapter 8*

**FOLLOWING JESUS,  
MY VICTORIOUS,  
RESURRECTED LORD  
AND KING**

Once upon a time, a *mysterious* man reached out to marry a peasant girl. After saying, "Yes!" she learned that she had married a *king*! She inherited his name, his kingdom, his treasury and, most importantly, his love. Please look in the *mirror* and say, "That's me!"



# YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

*Highlight these Chapter Eight scriptures in your Bible*

## **REVELATION 1:18**

I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

## **HEBREWS 13:8**

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever

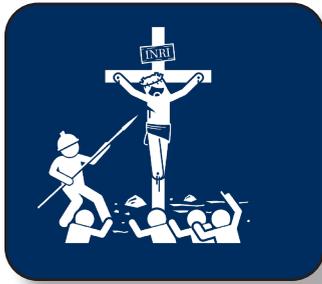
## **LOOKING AHEAD**

- Disciple Attribute #8: Fellowship
- How can a disciple of Jesus experience the victories of the cross daily?
- Settle this forever!
- Following Jesus in church commitment

*God's Word changes you from the inside out.*

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

# FOLLOWING JESUS, MY VICTORIOUS, RESURRECTED LORD AND KING



Today's busy road trip has several pit stops; beginning at Calvary's cross with a final ascension to Heaven. What occurs in between these two moments, the heart can hardly fathom.

*"Behold your king!"* Pilate said to the Jewish high priests. A king? Nothing appears royal, nor victorious for our beloved Lord. Arrested. Betrayed. A sham court. Convicted, yet innocent, He hangs crucified on Calvary's cross, beaten and bloodied, facing imminent death. A crown of thorns pierces His brow. The writer of Hebrews provides a glimpse how He endured the shame and how we can endure our own adversities.

*"...looking unto Jesus, ...who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Heb. 12:2*

How did Jesus endure the cross? \_\_\_\_\_

## IT IS FINISHED

*"It is finished!"* cried our Suffering Savior. Not a cry of termination, but a shout of triumph. Our sin debt was paid. "It is finished" is a powerful Greek word found only twice in the New Testament both from Calvary's cross. *Jn. 19:28, Jn. 19:30*

*Tetelestai, Gr* - an accounting word which means, "Paid in Full."

*Telos, Gr* - a goal achieved, a consummation, a result attained

An example would be as one standing at the top of Mt. Everest and shouting, "I did exactly what I planned to do."

## FROM THE CROSS TO THE THRONE

If you had stood by the cross with Mary, Peter and John, you would have not seen anything more than what they saw. They didn't understand that He was *"the \_\_\_\_\_ who would take away the sin of the world."* *Jn. 1:29*

They didn't know that He would soon become the \_\_\_\_\_. *1 Tim. 2:5*

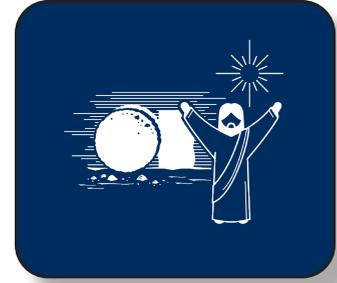
The concept of Jesus-IN-them as \_\_\_\_\_ was foreign to them. *Eph. 1:22*  
Revelation had not yet been given. They only saw with their physical eyes and didn't learn until later that the next three days would seal the victory of the ages.

The next three days would find the Spirit-man of Jesus making six more road trips: first to Hades, the garden tomb, the Throne, to Paradise, 40 days on earth, then His final ascension. See *"From The Cross To The Throne,"* pg. 70

*"I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen.*

*And I have the keys of Hades and of Death." Rev. 1:18*

## FIVE VICTORIES JESUS WON FOR YOU



### 01. Victorious Over The Demonic Domain

*He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. Col. 1:13 \**  
Read Is. 53:11-12, too. Satan is defeated. Settle this forever!

Jesus won \_\_\_\_\_ for you.

### 02. Victorious Over Your Debt Of Sin

Isaiah chapter 53 states seven times that Jesus "bore our sins." Highlight these eight "Once For All" scriptures about the Finished Work Of Jesus Christ, our High Priest.

*Heb. 7:27*

*Heb. 9:12*

*Heb. 9:26*

*Heb. 9:28*

*Heb. 10:10*

*Heb. 10:12*

*Heb. 10:14*

*I Pet. 3:18*

Jesus won \_\_\_\_\_ for you.

### 03. Victorious Over Despair

*Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Jn. 14:27* Read Is. 53:5.

Jesus won \_\_\_\_\_ for you.

### 04. Victorious Over Disease

*He (Jesus) cast out spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet ... Mat. 8:16-17, Is. 53:5*

Jesus won \_\_\_\_\_ for me.

### 05. Victorious Over Death

*"...that **through death he might destroy** the one who has **the power of death**, that is, the devil." Heb. 2:14*

Jesus won \_\_\_\_\_ for you.

\*Let me introduce you to my favorite Old Testament chapter; Isaiah ch. 53. Known as the Messianic Prophet, Isaiah was given a glimpse of the Suffering Savior and Reigning King 700 years before it occurred. I read it monthly.

The price is not greater than the Prize.

## NOW WHAT? JESUS SHARES HIS VICTORY WITH YOU

Our marching orders come from the Great Commission. *(Not the Great Suggestion)*

*"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. \_\_\_\_\_ therefore and \_\_\_\_\_ of all nations, \_\_\_\_\_ them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, \_\_\_\_\_ them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* Mat. 28:18-20

## WHAT JESUS BEGAN, THE CHURCH CONTINUES

Following Jesus is simple when you pray, "Lord, let me love what You love." What does He love? **"...Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her..."** Eph. 5:25 Every disciple should be planted in a local church. Jesus Christ is the:

\_\_\_\_\_ Eph. 1:22

### Do This

- Attend church regularly
- Get planted in one church
- Show up and grow up

### Not That

- Attendance based on feelings Acts 2:40-42
- Church hopping = selfish mentality Ps. 92:13
- You expect me to change? I Pet. 2:2

## DEDICATE YOUR BIG THREE:



Your spiritual growth, emotional well-being and sense of purpose are directly connected to your level of church commitment.

The guiding question for your daily choices is, "In the light of eternity, what will it matter?"

Following Jesus is an adventure that will never end.

## THE CHURCH THAT ACTS LIKE JESUS

Would you like to see a glimpse of your future as a disciple of Jesus, the Head of the Church?

Read this overview from the book of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to see a description of the real Church. Get ready for God to use you! Two-thirds of God's name is "Go!"



*"Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." Mat. 18:20*

### The Books Of Acts

- 45 demonstrations of miracle power
- 20 references to angels
- 6 angelic visitations
- 29 references to the Name of Jesus
- 5000+ salvations
- 28 chapters of fearless adventures
- Acts ch. 29 - record your own miracle stories

The lost are saved! The captives set free! The sick are healed!

And \_\_\_\_\_ went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Name Him or Her

and confirming the word through the \*accompanying signs. Amen. Mk. 16:20  
\*Many miraculous signs TPT \*Indisputable evidence Msg.

## THE GREATEST ADVENTURE CONTINUES

Jesus' First Coming was as a Suffering Servant, but He's coming again as the King of kings. Scriptural references to His Second Coming outnumber references to His first coming by a factor of eight to one. Hallelujah!

This is the Jesus you are following, dear one. Not a philosophical prophet, nor a flimsy hope for happiness. He is who He said He is: "...the Way, the Truth and the Life..." The One who restored you to your Father, the only One worthy of your affections. He's coming to take His church Home. Until then, we join those who sing a new song and...

*"Follow the Lamb wherever He goes." Rev. 14:4*

*Jesus completed His assignment with victory.  
His followers will do the same. I Jn. 2:6*

*May those who know this extraordinary  
God refuse to live an ordinary life.*



2020

Pastor Plinio lived for Christ and discipled young people out of addiction. Columbian drug lords murdered him for taking their customers.

## FOLLOWING JESUS, MY KING

01

Jesus' victory shout, "It is finished!" confirmed our debt of sin was paid in full.

02

The resurrection confirms Satan's defeat and Jesus' deity.

03

Jesus becomes High Priest,  
Head of the Church and Soon-Coming King.

04

What Jesus began,  
the Church continues.



### Supporting Scriptures

*Jn. 19:30*

*Ac. 1:9*

*Eph. 1:22*

*Col. 1:18*

*I Tim. 2:5*

*Heb. 7:25*

*Rev. 17:14*

*Rev. 19:16*

# Born To Be Wild - A True Story

*"Every knee shall bow ... "* Ph. 2:10

*Steppenwolf's heavy metal, "Born To Be Wild," was screaming on my bedroom radio. It was 1970, and I was only fourteen.*

An unfamiliar inside Voice whispered, "Don't listen to that song." Negotiations in my head began. "But, I love that song," I whined. As I reflected on my recent commitment to Christ, I wondered if that voice was His. Assuming it was, I turned off the radio, and my heart was flooded with an indescribable joy. Hmm ... obedience = joy. That one simple act of obedience began a fifty-plus year journey of bowing my heart to King Jesus.

1. What does bowing your heart to King Jesus look like to you? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near. Heb. 10:25 NLT*

Belonging to a strong youth group kept me focused. Why does your Father God want you to make a commitment to a Christian community?

\_\_\_\_\_ Your church is a family A. I Cor. 12:12

\_\_\_\_\_ Your church is as a body B. II Tim. 2:15



A disciple of Jesus develops the discipline of Christian fellowship.

## Reflection

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*Make your life count for eternity.*



## SEARCH

Explore the adventure of a **New Mindset.**

Mk. 12:30, Heb. 12:1-2

It's safe to trust Jesus

## ADDENDUM

### ANSWER KEY

CHAPTER	EXERCISE	ANSWERS
Chapter 1	A Baby Named "Savior"	He will save His people from their sins
	Why Do I Need a Savior	Because you were born dead in sin. Adam's disobedience brought sin and death to all. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Heart
	Is Jesus the Only Savior?	no other name, we must be saved, except through Me
Chapter 2	Two Voices of Authority	external, internal
Chapter 3	Temptation Defined	flesh, eyes, life
	The Five Most Important Words	It is written.
Chapter 4	The Gospel of "Miracle" Mark	disease, nature, demons, death
	The Door to Miracles	"You shall receive power to be witnesses to Me."
	An Overview of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit	river, send, purpose, prepares, Believers, everyone, prayer, Paul, Gentiles, since you believed
Chapter 5	The Beatitudes	B, C, E, G, F, H, A, D
	Jesus' Ministry Pattern	synagogues, the Good News, proclaim and heal
	Are You Wise or Foolish	comes, hears, does them
	The 7 I AMs of Jesus	B, E, C, A, F, D, G
	Your Personal Tutor	The Helper, The Father, all that Jesus said
Chapter 6	The Prayer of a Servant	that he would betray Him, that he was clean, that He came from God and the Father had given him these things
	The Sacrifices of a Servant	fed me, gave me, invited me, gave me, cared for me, visited me
Chapter 7	6 Types of Prayer	A, D, E, C, F, B

## ADDENDUM CONTINUED

CHAPTER	EXERCISE	ANSWERS
	The Garden of Gethsemane Prayer	not my will
Chapter 8	They Didn't Know	Lamb of God, mediator, head over all things
	Five Victories Jesus Won for You	freedom, forgiveness, peace, healing, eternal life
	Now What? Jesus Shares His Victory With You	go, make disciples, baptizing, teaching
	What Jesus Began, The Church Continues	head over all things

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## 15 REASONS TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST

1. God acknowledged Jesus was His Son. *Mt. 3:17, Mt.17:5, Jn. 3:16*
2. Jesus acknowledged He was Son of God (and was put to death for that claim). *Mt. 26:64, Jn. 4:26, Jn. 5:25, Mk. 14:61, Ph. 2:6*
3. Angels acknowledged Jesus was God's Son. *Mat. 28:5-6*
4. The Resurrection proves Jesus' deity. *Mat. 28:5, Rm. 1:4*
5. The prophets predicted that Jesus was the Messiah. *Mal. 3:1, Ps. 118:22, 22:7-8, Is. 53:4-7, Rom. 1:2* (with 456 detailed prophecies and 60 major prophecies)
6. Scriptures confirm Jesus is the Son of God. *Rom. 1:3-4, Heb. 1:1-2*
7. Miracles confirmed Jesus' deity. *Jn. 5:36, Ac. 10:38*
8. Demons confirmed Jesus was the Son of God. *Mat. 8:29, Mk. 3:11*
9. The Roman Centurion confirmed it. *Mat. 27:54*
10. Josephus, a respected, secular Jewish historian, acknowledged Jesus' birth, miracles, crucifixion and resurrection. Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews, 18:63*
11. Jesus appeared to 514 people after His resurrection. *I Cor. 15:1-8*
12. Jesus' definition of sin was "not believing in Him." *Jn. 16:9*
13. No one else has so changed history. *Lk. 2:25-38*
14. Repeated testimony of personal experience. *Jn. 4:42*
15. Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. *Ph. 2:9-10*

# BURCHISMS - EIGHT ATTRIBUTES OF A DISCIPLE

Burchisms - My "Three-Time-Rule" Applies\*

## DISCIPLE ATTRIBUTE #1: Supernatural Birth

- Sitting in church won't make you a Christian any more than sitting in a garage will make you a car.
- You won't get to heaven because you're so good, but because Jesus is so good.
- Salvation is free, but it isn't cheap.
- Jesus didn't come to make bad people good, but to make dead people come alive.
- SOS!! The Law Shows Our Sin. The gospel Shows Our Savior.

## DISCIPLE ATTRIBUTE #2: Obedience

- Obedience is God's door for blessings.
- The middle of obedience is D-I-E.
- Delayed obedience is disobedience.
- Spiritual maturity is determined by how quickly you obey.

## DISCIPLE ATTRIBUTE #3: The Word-Ruled Lifestyle

- Put the Word in you when you don't need it and it will be there for you when you do need it.
- The Word was designed by the Father to take Jesus' place in His absence.
- The written Word leads us to the Living Word.
- The bathroom mirror reveals your outer man. The Word reveals your inner man.
- God's Word in your mouth releases God's power in your life.

## DISCIPLE ATTRIBUTE #4: Expectant Faith

- Faith is agreeing with God and acting on His Word.
- If you will study the 48 miracles of Jesus for one month, faith will rise in your hearts to obtain them for yourself.
- What God has done, He can do it again.
- Faith sees the invisible, believe the incredible and do the impossible.

## DISCIPLE ATTRIBUTE #5: Bible Reading

- A Bible which is falling apart is usually owned by someone who isn't.
- The Bible isn't about behavior modification. It's about inward transformation.
- Some people read the Bible in Hebrew and others in Greek. I like to read my Bible in the Holy Ghost. Smith Wigglesworth
- It takes the whole Bible to make a whole Christian.
- The main thing is the plain thing, and the plain thing is the main thing.

## DISCIPLE ATTRIBUTE #6: Servanthood

- God didn't save you to be a sensation. He saved you to be a servant.
- Your debt to God is made payable to man.
- Swallowing your pride rarely leads to indigestion.
- If you're too big to serve, you're too small to lead.
- Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.

## DISCIPLE ATTRIBUTE #7: Prayer

- Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness.
- Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?
- Prayer should be our first response, not our last resort. Peter Burchfield

## DISCIPLE ATTRIBUTE #8: Christian Fellowship

- Fellowship is about being accountable and inspirational to others.
- The church should be a hospital, not a museum.
- Don't reduce church to a podcast.
- Choose friends who build your faith and bless your dreams.

*\*My 3-Time-Rule applies: 1st time - "Pastor Joe said..." 2nd time - "Someone said ..." 3rd time - "The Lord told me.." After quoting these for decades, I've accepted them as an official Burchism. Enjoy! Prv. 17:22*

## LISTS FOR JESUS FOLLOWERS

### Healings of Jesus (27)

- 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 possession 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
- Restoring of paralytic at Capernaum Mt. 9:1-8
- Curing of leper near Gennesaret Lk. 5:12
- Healing of Peter's mother-in-law Lk. 4:38
- Restoring of withered hand Mt. 12:9-1
- Healing of child with demon Mt. 17:14-20
- Restoring blind and dumb demoniac Mt. 12:22
- 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 Mk. 10:46
- Healing Syrophenician girl Mt. 15:21-28
- Healing centurion's servant Lk. 7:1
- Restoring demon possessed man in synagogue 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

### Nature Miracles of Jesus (9)

- Turning water into wine Jn. 2:1-11
- Feeding of five thousand Mt. 14:15-21
- Stilling the storm Mt. 8:23-27
- Walking on the sea Mt. 14:22-33
- Providing tax money Mt. 17:24-27
- Feeding of four thousand Mt. 15:32-39
- Withering of fig tree Mt. 21:17-22
- First catch of fish Lk. 5:1-11
- Second catch of fish Jn. 21:1-14

### Parables of Jesus (28\*)

- The Sower and the seed Mat. 13:1-8
- Tares Mat. 13:24-30
- Mustard Seed Mat. 13:31-32
- Yeast Mat. 13:33
- Hidden Treasure Mat. 13:44
- Pearl of great price Mat. 13:45-46
- Dragnet Mat. 13:47-50
- Growing Seed Mk. 4:26-29
- Workers in the vineyard Mat. 20:1-16
- Two Sons Mat. 21:28-31
- Great supper Lk. 14:7-11
- Lost sheep Mat. 18:12-14
- Lost coin Lk. 15:8-10
- Lost son Lk. 15:11-32
- Unprofitable servants Lk. 17:7-10
- Unmerciful servant Mat. 18:23-35
- Two debtors Lk. 7:41-43
- Friend at midnight Lk. 11:5-8
- Persistent widow (unjust judge) Lk. 18:1-8
- Pharisee and the tax collector Lk. 18:9-14
- Talents Mat. 25:14-30
- Ten minas Lk. 19:11-27
- Rich fool Lk. 12:16-21
- Good Samaritan Lk. 10:30-37
- Barren Fig Tree Lk. 13:6-9
- Unworthy Servants Lk. 17:7-10
- Marriage of King's Son Mat. 22:1-14
- Ten Virgins Mat. 25:1-13

\*This is not an exhaustive list.

# FAST FACTS FOR JESUS FOLLOWERS

Every answer you are searching for can be found in the written Word of God. It is just as relevant today as when the Holy Spirit inspired it. One might wonder why we should obey so many Do's and Don'ts, but they function as road signs on the path to life. Every "Do" leads to life. Every "Don't" leads to death. Following Jesus always leads to life.

## Instead Of This

**Abortion** - Ex. 20:13, Jer. 1:4-5, Ps. 127:3  
**Abuse** - Ps. 10:14, Ps. 23:3, Prv. 11:9  
**Alcohol** - Prv. 23:20, I Cor. 6:19-20, I Th. 5:22  
**Anxiety** - Mat. 6:31, Jn. 14:1, I Pt. 5:7  
**Anarchy** - Mat. 24:12, II Th. 2:7, Ac. 5:29  
**Body Worship** - I Sam. 16:7, Prv. 16:18, Jer. 9:23  
**Broken Heart** - Ps. 34:18, Ps. 147:3, Ph. 4:6  
**Complaining** - Ps. 142:2, Ph. 2:14, Ju. 1:16  
**Confusion** - I Cor. 14:33, Ps. 119:169, Mt. 7:7  
**Debt** - II Kgs. 4:7, Prv. 22:7, Prv. 22:26-27  
**Divorce** - Dt. 23:21-23, Lk. 11:17, Mat. 19:3-9  
**Entertainment** - Music/Media/Video Games  
  
**Fear** - II Tim. 1:7, Ps. 27:1, I Jn. 4:18  
**Gambling** - Prv. 15:27, Prv. 19:1, I Tim. 6:10  
**Grief** - Is. 41:10, Prv. 3:5-6, Is. 53:5  
**Homosexuality** - Gen. 1:27, Lev. 18:22, Rom. 1:24-32  
**Insecurity** - I Jn. 4:18, Rom. 8:1-2, Rom. 8:31  
**Jealousy** - Jms. 3:16, Prv. 6:34, Prv. 27:4  
**Laziness** - Prv. 12:27, Prv. 20:4, II Th. 3:12  
**Loneliness** - Rom. 8:35, Ps. 139, Prv. 13:12  
**Lust** - Jms. 1:14-15, I Jn. 2:16-17, II Tim. 2:22  
**Lying** - Prv. 12:22, Prv. 19:9, Col. 3:9-10  
**Sexual Sins:** Masturbation, Pre-marital sex, Pornography, Nymphomania, Sadomasochism are selfish perversions of the true love between a man and woman in marriage. Mat. 5:28, Ps. 101:3, Rom. 12:1-2, Rom. 1:24-32, Jn. 8:32  
**Science** - Gen. 1:1-2, Ps. 14:1, I Tim. 6:20  
**Spiritism** - Astrology, Talking to dead, Clairvoyants, Seances, Satan Worship I Tim. 4:1, Lev. 20:6, II Cor. 4:4  
**Social Media** - I Cor. 15:33, Ps. 10:7, Eph. 4:31  
**Strife** - Prv. 13:10, Prv. 17:14, Prv. 20:3  
**Temptation** - Jms. 1:14, I Cor. 10:13, Heb. 4:15  
**Trauma** - Nah. 1:7, Jn. 10:10, Rom. 8:28

## Choose Life

**Adoption** - Prv. 31:8, Ps. 68:5-6, Jms. 1:27  
**Wholeness** - I Jn. 4:16, Lk. 4:18, Mk. 11:25  
**Be Spirit-Filled** - Eph. 5:18, Mat. 5:16, Ti. 1:6  
**Mental Health** - Ps. 56:3, Is. 26:3, Ph. 4:8  
**Government** - Rom. 13:1-4, I Tim. 2:1-4, Prv. 19:21  
**Physical Health** - Rom. 12:1-2, I Cor. 6:19, I Cor. 9:27  
**Healed Heart** - Prv. 17:22, Prv. 3:5-6, Mat. 6:33  
**Gratitude** - Col. 3:13, I Th. 5:18, Ps. 34:1  
**Guidance** - Ps. 16:11, Ps. 32:8, Prv. 3:5-6, Prv. 16:3  
**Generosity** - Prv. 3:27, Prv. 11:24, Rom. 13:8  
**Marriage** - Eph. 5:22-31, I Cor. 13:4-7, Prv. 15:22  
**Fruitfulness** - Ps. 90:12, Ps. 101:3, Lk. 11:34-36, Eph. 5:11  
**Faith** - Prv. 28:1, Heb. 11:6, Acts 1:8  
**Financial Stewardship** - Prv. 13:11, Prv. 21:20  
**Hope** - Jer. 17:7, Ps. 33:22, Rom. 15:13  
**Marriage** - Prv. 18:22, Mk. 10:6-9, I Cor. 13:4-7  
**Confidence** - Ps. 139:13, Ph. 4:8, Ph. 4:13  
**Trust** - Ps. 143:8, Mk. 12:30, I Pt. 5:7, II Tim. 1:7  
**Diligence** - Prv. 10:4, Prv. 12:11, Col. 3:23  
**Friends** - Prv. 18:24, Ps. 68:6, Rom. 12:9  
**Contentment** - I Tim. 6:6, Ph. 4:11-13, Heb. 13:5  
**Truth** - Prv. 3:3, Prv. 3:23, Jn. 8:32  
  
**God as Creator** - Gen. 1:1, Is. 42:5, Rev. 4:11  
**Social Media** - Mat. 5:16, Mat. 7:16, Ph. 2:15  
**Unity** - Mat. 5:9, Rom. 12:21, Heb. 12:14  
**Overcoming** - Mat. 6:13, Gal. 5:16, I Jn. 5:4  
**Wholeness** - Ec. 3:11, Ps. 147:3, Prv. 15:13

As for God, His way is perfect. Ps. 18:30

## FROM THE CROSS TO THE THRONE

Here is the chronological timeline of what happened from the cross to the Throne. As always when studying your Bible, insist on scriptural references and an agreement with the Father's nature. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal this to you, and you'll enjoy an unshakeable victory throughout your earth walk.

- **Tomb** - His lifeless body was laid in a borrowed tomb, but He had previously 'given up His spirit.' Where did it go? He went where all sinners go. *Jn. 19:30, Lk. 23:53*
- **\*Hades** - Jesus was innocent, but died as a guilty sinner because "the LORD had laid on Him the iniquity of us all." *Is. 53:10* He descended to the lower parts of the earth; the world of the damned. He suffered an unfathomable torture under the complete dominion of Satan's darkness. The claims of justice were met and Satan was eternally defeated. *Col. 2:15, Ps. 16:10, Ps. 88:1-18, Eph. 4:8*
- **The Garden Tomb** - The risen Lord appears to Mary with, "Touch Me not, because..." He had not yet sealed the New Covenant with His blood. The resurrection of Jesus confirms His deity. *Jn. 20:17*
- **Heaven** - Carrying His own blood into the eternal Holy of Holies was the first work He performed in His new High Priestly office. *Heb. 4:14, Heb. 9:12*
- **\*Paradise** - Jesus then went to Paradise to proclaim the completed redemption to the Old Covenant saints who had been waiting for 1,500 years. Everyone who trusted in this promissory note of Atonement Blood, from Adam to the thief on the cross, joined this long awaited parade to Heaven. *Eph. 4:8-9, I Pet. 3:18-19*
- **Forty Days On Earth** - Jesus appeared to over 500 people in His resurrected body as He commissioned them to "wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit" and then "Go into all the world preaching the gospel..." *Jn. 20:14-16, Lk. 24:13-16, I Cor. 15:6*
- **Ascension to Heaven** - His disciples watched Jesus rise in the air as He returned Home. His physical body was gone, but it had not yet been revealed that His spiritual Body, called the Church, would soon continue His work. In ten days, Jesus poured His Spirit into His disciples and the Church was born. *Lk.24:50-51, Acts 1:9-11, Eph. 1:20-22*

***"I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death."*** *Rev. 1:18*

\* The author encourages personal study of this controversial topic and encourages all believers to "keep the main thing the main thing." Focus on Jesus' resurrection and the Great Commission; two Bible truths unanimously embraced by all. Read *From The Cross To The Throne* by E.W. Kenyon.

# RESUME OF DISCIPLES

A Fictional, Historical Narrative

## Professional Consultant Reviews

Current Disciples's Resumes

**To:** Jesus, Son of Joseph  
Woodcrafter's Carpenter Shop  
Nazareth, Israel 1613101

**From:** Jordan Management Consultants

Dear Sir,

Thank you for submitting the resumes of the twelve men you have picked for managerial positions in your new organization. All of them have now taken our battery of tests, and we have not only run the results through our computer, but have arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultant.

The profiles of all tests are included, and you will want to study each of them carefully.

As part of our service, we make some general comments for your guidance, such as an auditor will include general statements. This is given as a result of staff consultation, and comes without any additional fee.

It is the staff opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education, and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capability.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale. We feel that it is our duty to tell you that Matthew has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau. James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus definitely have radical leanings, and they both registered a high score on the manic-depression scale.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind, and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious, and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your right-hand man. All of the other profiles are self-explanatory.

We wish you every success in your new venture.

Sincerely,

Jordan Management Consultants

- *Author Unknown*

## I AM A DISCIPLE

*I am a disciple of Jesus Christ.  
The die has been cast. 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, and my future is secure.  
I am finished and done with low living, sight walking,  
small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams,  
chintzy giving, and dwarfed goals.*

*I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position,  
promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I now live by  
presence, lean by faith, love by patience,  
lift by prayer, and labor by power.*

*My pace is set, my gait is fast, my goal is Heaven, my  
road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few,  
my Guide reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought,  
compromised, deterred, lured away, turned back,  
diluted, or delayed.*

*I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the  
presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy,  
ponder at the pool of popularity, 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 Heaven returns, give until I drop, preach until all know,  
and work until He comes. And when He comes to get  
His own, He will have no problem recognizing me.  
My fruits will be clear. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ.*

*Author Unknown*

## REAL PEOPLE - REAL MIRACLES

Texas Bible Institute - Discovery Camp - Believers World Outreach Church

I lived under constant comparison until I became complete in Christ's love. - *Kaitlyn*

Some missionaries in Thailand adopted two baby-boy twins who were about to be sacrificed by superstitious tribal leaders. They paid \$1 each. That was me! After attending TBI, I returned to Thailand and serve as a Bible school administrator with my family. - *Jeremy*

I've always admired my parent's God, but tonight I accepted Jesus for myself. - *Josh, 16*

I was a good church kid, but I needed the power to help me live for God. At 14, Jesus baptized me in the Holy Spirit and I spoke in tongues. Today I am a bold Bible believer, a happy husband, a proud father to two sons, and a leader at Burchfield Ministries International. - *Michael*

Rachel stopped a Discovery Camp service with 900 youth and said, "There is a young girl here with a back problem and Jesus just healed her!" That girl was me. Jesus healed my spine from a 30-degree angle, and my doctor confirmed it. - *Frances*

Out of 800 youth, Pastor Tommy pointed at me and said, "Jesus is calling you to preach the gospel." I was on the back row planning some camp pranks, but, instead, I ran to the altar. - *Frank*

After 14 years of infertility, two miscarriages, and three rounds of IVF, Pastors Tommy and Rachel prayed a miracle prayer at Believers World Outreach Church, and we got pregnant with triplets! Born at 24 weeks at 2 lbs. each, negative reports were loud, but today they are 8 years old. - *Ellie*

I came to TBI from Botswana on an International scholarship. I committed my life totally to Jesus Christ. He led me to pursue sports, and today I am playing professional soccer in China. I'm living His abundant life! - *Mark - Botswana*

Jesus healed me of ovarian cancer in 1965, and I just turned 96 years young!  
- *Ms. Mickey*

On Miracle Night, Ms. Rachel explained that Jesus would heal us if we asked. When I asked Him to heal my eyes, a wind blew by me! I could see color for the first time! Later, when the doctor said my eyes were 20/20, I threw my glasses away. - *Dustin*

Witch doctors guided my family, but I ended up addicted to drugs, depressed, and battling an eating disorder. Jesus set me completely free. At TBI, I got Strong-For-Life and today I am the administrator for the largest non-profit organization in Botswana.  
- *Bothle*

39 States

# TBI WORLD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

42 Countries

Dedicated to our Sons and Daughters in the Texas Bible Institute World Alumni Association

May God continue to use you to share the good news of Jesus Christ in your nation!

## English

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

## Spanish

★ Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo que ha dado a su hijo unigénito, que todo aquel que cree en él no debe pierda, mas tenga vida eterna. *Juan 3:16*

## Arabic

لما احب الله العالم باذله

## Amharic (Ethiopia)

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## Belize Creole

Yu si, Gaad lov di peepI dehn eena dis werl soh moch

## Bengali (India)

কার্গী জশ্বর জগৎকে এমন প্রমে করলিনে যে

## Bulgarian

Защото Бог толкова възлюби света

## Chamorro (Guam)

Sa taegüenao na jaguaeya si Yuus y tano

## French

Car Dieu a tant aimé le monde

## German

Denn also hat Gott die Welt geliebt

## Haitian Creole

Paske, Bondye sitèlman renmen lèzòm

## Hausa (Nigeria)

Gama Allah ya yi kamnar duniya

## Hebrew

כלום תא מיהולא באה הכ כ"א

## Hindi (India)

परमेश्वर को जगत से इतना प्रेम था

## Hungarian

Mert úgy szerette Isten e világot

## Japanese

神は世を愛された

## Jamaican Creole

Kaa, yu si, Gad lov di worl so moch

## Korean

신이 세상을 너무 사랑했기 때문에

## Mandarin Chinese

神愛世人

## Maori (New Zealand)

Koia ano te aroha o te Atua ki te ao

## Romanian

Fiindcă atât de mult a iubit Dumnezeu lumea

## Russian

Ибо так возлюбил Бог мир

## Setswana (Botswana)

Gonne Modimo o ratile lefatshe mo go kalo

## Swahili

Kwa maana jinsi hii Mungu aliupenda ulimwengu

## Tagalog (Philippines)

Sapagkat pag ibig ng Diyos sa sanlibutan

## Tamil (Sri Lanka/India)

தவேன் இவ்வளவு உலகத்தில் அன்பாக நிந்தார்

## Thai

เพราะว่าพระเจ้าทรงรักโลก

## Ukrainian

Так бо Бог полюбив світ

# Foundations-For-Life Reference Tools

*Stand-Alone Teachings, Topical Index, Illustrations*

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- **115 Stand-Alone Teachings**
- **200 Indexed Topics**
- **65 Supplemental Charts/Lists**
- **40 Illustrations for Sermons**
- **40 Personal Stories**
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\* Rachel's favorites

## FOLLOWING JESUS

### I. Following Jesus, My Savior

- A. Each road trip of Jesus' life represents a lesson.
- B. Man is born in sin. Must be born again.
- C. Jesus is the only Savior of the world.
- D. *Jn. 3:3, Eph. 2:1, I Jn. 4:14*

### II. Following Jesus, My Lord

- A. Water baptism; outward expression of an inward faith.
- B. Symbolizes the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus
- C. *Mat. 28:19, Rom. 6:4, Is. 1:19*

### III. Following Jesus, The Word

- A. The Word took human form and became Son of Man
- B. Jesus defeated every trial by speaking, "It is written."
- C. We put Jesus first in our lives upon His Word first.
- D. *Mat. 4:4, Jn. 1:1, Heb. 4:12*

### IV. Following Jesus, My Miracle Worker

- A. Jesus demonstrated miracles to reveal God's love.
- B. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the doorway to miracles.
- C. The same anointing that Jesus had abides in you.
- D. *Mat. 9:35, Heb. 13:8, I Jn. 2:20*

### V. Following Jesus, My Teacher

- A. Jesus taught with authority about the Kingdom of God.
- B. Obeying the words of Jesus builds a strong foundation.
- C. *Mat. 7:29, Jn. 6:63, Jn. 14:26*

### VI. Following Jesus, The Servant

- A. True greatness comes from serving others.
- B. Kenosis, Gr. - Ph. 2:8 Poured out, self-emptying life
- C. Our debt to God is made payable to man.
- D. *Mat. 20:28, Jn. 13:5, Ph. 2:6-8*

### VII. Following Jesus, My High Priest

- A. Develop a life of prayer by studying Jesus' prayer life.
- B. There are generally six types of prayer.
- C. Jesus is our High Priest who always prays for us.
- D. *Mat. 21:22, Jn. 16:24, Heb. 7:25*

### VIII. Following Jesus, My Victorious King

- A. "It is finished." is an accounting word; paid in full.
- B. Jesus utterly destroyed Satan's power on your behalf.
- C. The resurrection of Jesus confirms His deity.
- D. *Jn. 19:30, Col. 2:15, Ac. 1:9*

