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Living Like Christ

A Word of Encouragement

Dear Friends,

Last week we studied what it means to trust God with all our hearts. Trust is the foundation of our walk with Him. This week, we take the next step by asking a practical question: **If I trust Christ, how should I live?**

The answer is found in the life of Jesus Himself.

Throughout the Gospels, we see our Savior demonstrating humility, compassion, obedience, forgiveness, and unwavering faithfulness to the Father's will. He did not simply teach these qualities—He lived them every day.

As followers of Christ, we are called to do the same.

Living like Christ does not mean we will be perfect. Rather, it means that each day we intentionally seek to become more like Him in our words, attitudes, actions, and relationships.

My prayer is that this week's Bible study will encourage you to examine your own walk with the Lord and inspire you to follow His example more closely.

May we all strive to reflect the love and grace of Jesus Christ in everything we do.

In Christ,

Preacher Johan Peters

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Over the many years now, 40+, I have come to the realization that every day is a new day and an opportunity to live more like Jesus. At first we want to fight with God about who has control, but when all is said and done, and you give your whole MIND, BODY & SPIRIT as God commanded, your life will be so much better and living like Jesus becomes easier.

Weekly Bible Study

Trusting God with All Your Heart

Featured Scripture

1 Peter 2:21 (KJV)

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Introduction

Have you ever admired someone so much that you wanted to be like them? Children often imitate their parents, athletes look up to great champions, and students follow respected teachers. As Christians, however, we have the greatest example anyone could ever follow—Jesus Christ.

When Peter wrote these words, he reminded believers that following Jesus is more than believing certain truths. It is choosing to walk in His footsteps day by day. Christ showed us how to love, forgive, serve, and remain faithful even in difficult circumstances.

Living like Christ is not about perfection. It is about allowing God to shape our hearts so that our thoughts, words, and actions increasingly reflect the character of His Son.

Every day presents new opportunities to follow His example. Sometimes that means extending forgiveness when it is difficult, showing kindness to someone in need, or choosing patience instead of anger. In each moment, we have the opportunity to ask ourselves a simple question:

"What would Christ have me do?"

As we grow in our relationship with Him, our lives become a testimony of His love and grace to those around us.

Four Characteristics of Christ We Should Follow

1. Humility

Jesus never sought recognition for Himself. Though He was the Son of God, He humbled Himself to serve others.

Ask yourself:

How can I put someone else's needs ahead of my own this week?

2. Compassion

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus was moved with compassion for those who were hurting.

Whether someone was sick, discouraged, or searching for hope, Christ always responded with love.

Challenge yourself to encourage one person this week through a kind word, a phone call, or an act of service.

3. Obedience

Jesus consistently obeyed His Father's will, even when it required sacrifice.

Our obedience may not always be easy, but it demonstrates our love and trust in God.

4. Forgiveness

Perhaps one of the greatest examples Jesus gave us was His willingness to forgive.

Even while hanging on the cross, He prayed:

"Father, forgive them..."

Forgiveness does not erase the past, but it frees our hearts from bitterness and reflects the mercy we ourselves have received.

Practical Application

Living like Christ begins with small, intentional choices.

This week, ask God to help you:

- Speak with kindness.
- Listen with patience.
- Forgive quickly.
- Serve without expecting recognition.
- Look for opportunities to encourage others.

When we faithfully practice these habits, people begin to see Christ at work in our lives.

This Week's Memory Verse

1 Peter 2:21 (KJV)

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps."

Memory Challenge:

Read this verse every morning before you begin your day. By the end of the week, try reciting it from memory. Let it become a daily reminder to walk as Christ walked.

Reflection Questions

Spend a few moments with the Lord and consider these questions:

1. Which characteristic of Christ do I find most difficult to practice?
 2. Is there someone I need to forgive?
 3. How can I better reflect Christ in my home, workplace, or community?
 4. What one change can I make this week to become more like Jesus?
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This Week's Challenge

Choose one Christ-like quality to intentionally practice every day this week.

It might be:

- Patience
- Kindness
- Humility
- Forgiveness
- Compassion

Keep a small journal or notebook and write down one opportunity each day where you were able to put that quality into practice. At the end of the week, thank God for the ways He helped you grow.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the perfect example of how we are to live. We know that we cannot become more like Him through our own strength, so we ask that Your Holy Spirit would work within us each day.

Teach us to walk in humility, to love with compassion, to obey Your Word faithfully, and to forgive as You have forgiven us. May our words and actions point others to Christ, and may our lives bring honor and glory to Your name.

Help us this week to follow in the footsteps of our Savior with joyful and willing hearts.

In Jesus' precious name we pray,

Amen.

Looking Ahead

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Walking by Faith, Not by Sight

Featured Scripture:

2 Corinthians 5:7 (KJV)

"For we walk by faith, not by sight."

Closing Blessing

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Hebrews 13:20–21 (KJV)

Faith in Action

Before this day ends, intentionally encourage one person with a kind word, a prayer, or an unexpected act of service. Living like Christ often begins with simple acts of love that point others to Him.