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This week’s featured study

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Welcome

Dear Friends,

Welcome once again to **The Favored 1 Magazine**, where we continue **Growing Together in God's Word**. Over the past several weeks, we have been building our faith one step at a time. We began by learning to trust God with all our heart, then we challenged ourselves to live like Christ, and last week we continued our journey by learning what it means to walk in the Spirit. Each lesson has reminded us that our strength comes not from ourselves, but from our faithful Heavenly Father.

This week we take another important step in our spiritual journey by learning what it means to **WALK WITH CHRIST**. Standing firm in our faith is essential, but God also calls us to faithfully walk with Him each day. Walking with Christ means choosing to follow His example in our thoughts, our words, our decisions, and our actions, while allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us along the way. As we spend time together in God's Word this week, my prayer is that you will be encouraged to draw closer to the Lord and experience the joy, peace, and strength that come from living each day under His guidance. May the Lord richly bless you as we continue.

Growing Together in God's Word.

In Christ,

Johan

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From My Heart

Many times, I have been challenged to be like Christ. It is hard, but when you give your whole mind, body, and spirit to Him as He requires, it becomes easier over time—to the point where you don't have to think about it because He lives in us. And because He lives in us, He is in control, which makes it easier. The more I learn to walk with Him, the more I realize that surrendering to Christ is not losing control—it is allowing Him to lead me where He wants me to go.

Weekly Bible Study

Walking With Jesus

Introduction

Walking with Jesus is more than simply believing in Him. It is developing a daily relationship with Him and allowing His presence and His Word to shape the way we live. When Jesus called His disciples, He didn't simply ask them to believe in Him from a distance. He called them to follow Him. They walked with Him, learned from Him, listened to Him, watched how He treated others, and eventually carried His message into the world. The same invitation is extended to us today. Walking with Jesus means choosing to follow Him each day—in our thoughts, our words, our decisions, our relationships, and even in the difficult seasons of life. We will not always know where the road ahead will lead, but we can know the One who walks beside us. As we remain close to Christ, study His Word, pray, and follow His example, our lives begin to reflect Him more clearly.

Scripture Reading

John 15:1–11 (KJV)

1) I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2) Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3) Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4) Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5) I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6) If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned. 7) If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8) Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. 9) As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 10) If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11) These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.

Four Study Points

1. Stay Connected to Jesus

Jesus describes Himself as the vine and His followers as the branches. A branch cannot produce fruit by itself. It must remain connected to the vine. Our spiritual lives work the same way. We cannot expect to grow in Christ while trying to live disconnected from Him.

John 15:4 (KJV)

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine..."

Thought: Our first responsibility isn't to try harder—it is to remain connected to Jesus.

2. Follow His Example

Walking with Jesus means learning how He lived and allowing His example to influence how we live. Jesus showed compassion to those who were hurting. He served others. He forgave. He showed patience. He stood for truth. Most importantly, He remained obedient to the Father.

1 Peter 2:21 (KJV)

"...Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:"

Thought:

If we want to walk with Jesus, we should pay attention to the path He walked and follow His steps.

3. Let His Word Guide Your Walk

We can't walk closely with someone while ignoring everything they say.

God's Word gives us direction when we don't know which way to go. It corrects us when we begin heading in the wrong direction and reminds us of God's promises when we're discouraged.

Psalms 119:105 (KJV)

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Thought: Walking with Jesus requires more than hearing God's Word—we must allow His Word to guide our lives.

4. Keep Walking When the Road Gets Difficult

Walking with Jesus doesn't mean that life will always be easy.

There will be moments when we don't understand what God is doing. There will be disappointment, hardship, uncertainty, and seasons when the road seems difficult.

But following Jesus means continuing to trust Him even when we cannot see the entire path ahead.

Proverbs 3:5–6 (KJV)

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Thought:

We don't have to know everything about the road ahead when we know who is leading us.

Reflection Questions

- **Am I staying connected to Jesus through prayer and God's Word?**
 - **What part of Jesus' example do I need to follow more closely?**
 - **Is there an area of my life where God's Word needs to guide my decisions?**
 - **How do I respond when following Christ becomes difficult?**
 - **What is one step I can take this week to draw closer to Jesus?**
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This Week's Challenge

For the next seven days, intentionally spend time with Jesus before beginning your day.

Read His Word. Pray. Listen. Reflect.

Then ask yourself:

"How can I follow Jesus in the way I live today?"

Before the day ends, take a few moments to reflect on where you saw God working and where you could have followed Him more faithfully.

Remember: Walking with Jesus happens one step at a time.

Closing Encouragement

Walking with Jesus is a lifelong journey. We may not always understand where He is leading us, and there will be times when the road is difficult. But we never have to walk it alone.

Jesus invites us to remain in Him, trust His Word, follow His example, and continue moving forward in faith.

You don't have to take every step today.

Just take the next step with Jesus.

As you continue walking with Him, He will shape your heart, strengthen your faith, and teach you to see life through His eyes.

Closing Scripture

Colossians 2:6 (KJV)

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:"