

FOLLOWING JESUS

A Series of Lessons on Discipleship





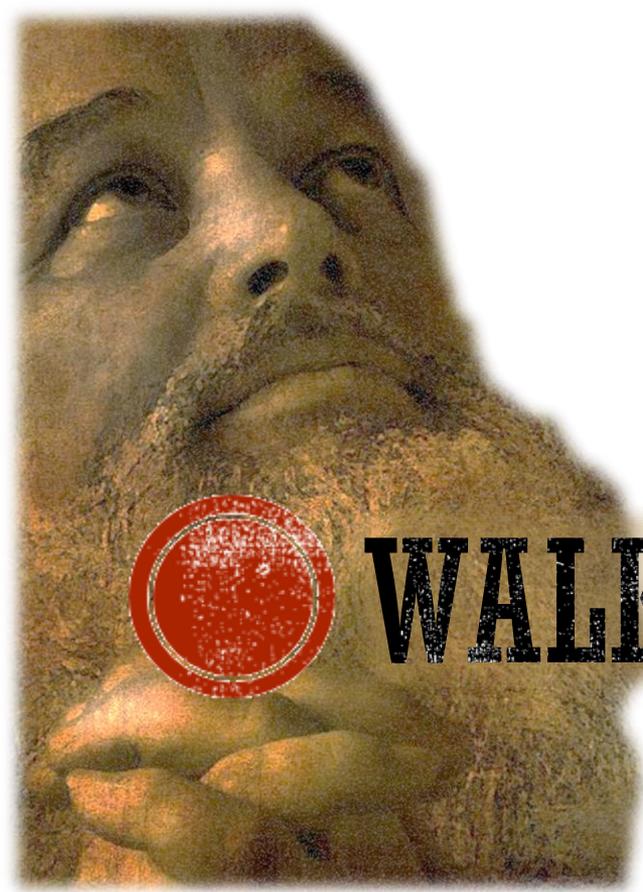
WALKING WITH GOD

“they heard the sound of the Lord God walking
in the garden in the cool of the day...”

Genesis 3:8

“...then men began to call upon the name
of the Lord.”

Genesis 4:26

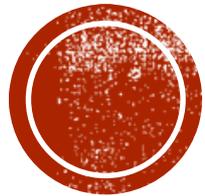


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“Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah...”

“Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.”

Genesis 5:22, 24

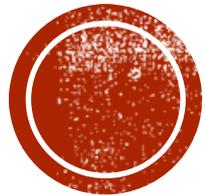


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“Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.”

Genesis 6:9

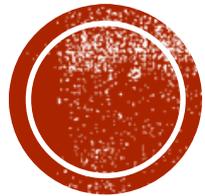


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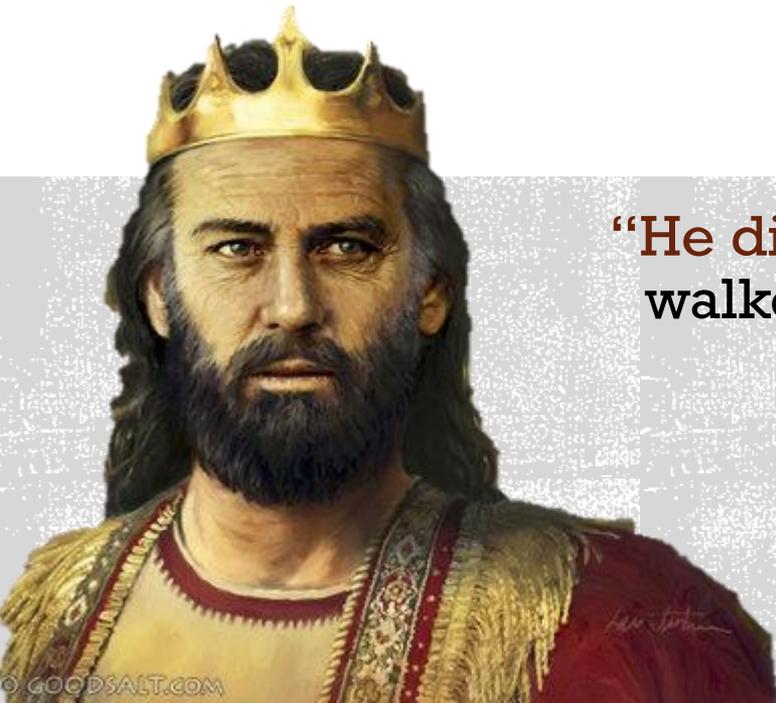
“Be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man. Keep the charge of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways.”

1 Kings 2:2-4





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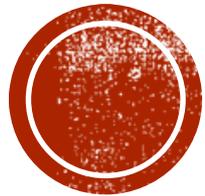
“He did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father.”

1 Kings 15:26

“...walked in the customs of the nations whom the Lord had driven out before the sons of Israel.”

2 Kings 17:8

They are *“empty people, who are looking for direction. When you **don’t know** who you are and for what you stand for **absolutely**, and can’t **enunciate** it as an autonomous person, then you become fodder for those who someone who does knows what they want and who will take you along, directing you to do what they want.”*



WALKING WITH GOD

Thus says the Lord, “What injustice did your fathers find in Me, that they went far from Me and walked after emptiness and became empty...”

Jeremiah 2:5

Psalm 143:8

Teach me the way in
which I should walk;
For to You I lift up my soul.

A DISCIPLE'S PRAYER

THIS SERIES OF LESSONS

Outline what true discipleship looks like so we can more fully follow Jesus.

- First: define discipleship
- Second: true discipleship
- Third: sexually purity
- Fourth: how to please Christ.
- Fifth: proving discipleship
- Sixth: living discipleship



And the Word became flesh,
and dwelt among us...

- ... and we **saw** His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of **grace** and **truth** (John 1:14)
- No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, ***He has explained Him.*** (John 1:18)

FOLLOWING JESUS

1. We leave to **follow** Jesus
2. We follow to **learn** from Jesus
3. We learn to be **like** Jesus
4. We live like Him to **live with** Him



1

Disciples **leave** to **follow** Jesus

John 1:35

Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”³⁷ The two disciples heard him speak, and they **followed** Jesus.

Luke 5:10-11

When they had brought their boats to land, they **left everything** and **followed** Him.

Luke 5:27

After that He went out and noticed a tax collector named Levi sitting in the tax booth, and He said to him, “Follow Me.”²⁸ And he **left everything** behind, and got up and *began* to **follow** Him.

FOLLOWING JESUS

Follow –

walk the same road

❑ accompany, attend, follow

❑ to cleave steadfastly to one, conform wholly to his example, in living and if need be in dying also (Thayers)



1

- Disciples leave to follow Jesus

2

- Disciples **follow** in order to **learn** from Jesus.

Matthew 11:29

Take My yoke upon you and **learn from Me**, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find **rest** for your souls.

‘listening, watching, and experiencing’

DISCIPLE DEFINED

Disciple - mathétés: a disciple; a learner, a pupil

- ❑ from *math-*, the "mental effort needed to think something through"
- ❑ properly, a learner; a disciple, a follower of Christ who learns the doctrines of Scripture and the lifestyle they require





- Disciples leave to follow Jesus



- Disciples follow in order to learn from Jesus.



- Disciples **learn to live** like Jesus

Luke 6:40 –

"A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher."

Hebrews 5:8,9 -

Although He was a Son, **He learned obedience** from the things which He suffered.
9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation.

‘listening, watching, and experiencing’

REQUIREMENTS

“If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me”

Luke 9:23

- Desire to follow
- Deny yourself
- Take up your cross
- Then actually follow



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- Disciples leave to follow Jesus

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- Disciples follow in order to learn from Jesus.

3

- Disciples learn to live like Jesus

4

- Disciples **live like to live *with*** Jesus

1st Clue: be killed and be **raised up** on the third day (9:22)

2nd Clue: His **departure** (9:31)

3rd Clue: “How long shall I be with you?” (9:41)

4th Clue: And it came about, when the days were approaching for His **ascension**, that He resolutely **set His face** to go to **Jerusalem**. (9:51)

JESUS SET HIS FACE

SET: “I fix firmly, direct myself towards” (A. V. ‘steadfastly to set one’s face to go’)

“I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do. And now, glorify Thou Me together with Thyself, Father, with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was.”

John 17:3





Disciples chose to leave the world in order follow Jesus in all things so they can live like Him and with Him.



- **What is it that stands in my way** from fully following Christ?
- **What is there to learn** to look more like Jesus?
- **What is my goal** for my life on this earth?