

HOW TO WALK THE WALK

BIBLICAL DISCIPLESHIP FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

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CHOOSING TO DO THE WORD OF GOD RATHER THAN THE WHIM OF MAN

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Introduction to the Text; Joshua 3:7-17 & 5:9-12

Josh. 3:7-8,11,15-17

And the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.

Josh. 3:8 You shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, saying, "When you have come to the edge of the water of the Jordan, you shall stand in the Jordan." **Josh. 3:11** Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over before you into the Jordan..... **Josh. 3:15** and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), **:16** that the waters which came down from upstream stood *still, and* rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that *is* beside Zaretan. So the waters that went down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, *and* were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho. **:17** Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.

Josh. 5:9-12

Then the LORD said to Joshua, “This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.” Therefore the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day. :10 Now the children of Israel camped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight on the plains of Jericho. :11 And they ate of the produce of the land on the day after the Passover, unleavened bread and parched grain, on the very same day. :12 **Then the manna ceased on the day** after they had eaten the produce of the land; **and the children of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year.**

Manna must have been some pretty amazing stuff.

Deuteronomy 34:7 says,

“Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone.”

It tasted like honey / highly nutritious / divinely supplied

In the wilderness of wonders – there was manna

Why didn't God keep showing up in the pillar of cloud and fire?

Why did God stop the manna? – it was free. Didn't have to work for it.

Why did they have to learn how to farm and to harvest?
Because sowing and reaping and laboring and harvesting tastes better.

It was a wilderness – no doubt about it.

But one thing was for sure, God was there and everybody knew it.

He first showed them His mighty power while still in Egypt.
The miraculous signs / the death angel / the exodus / mount Sinai / the red sea /
the pillar of cloud by day / the pillar of fire by night / the rock-water / and the
manna.

He was there and they knew it -

And for 40 years He was physically available to them.

Num. 9:15

Now on the day that the tabernacle was raised up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the Testimony; from evening until morning it was above the tabernacle like the appearance of fire. :16 So it was always: the cloud covered it *by day*, and the appearance of fire by night. :17 Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, after that the children of Israel would journey; and in the place where the cloud settled, there the children of Israel would pitch their tents. :18 At the command of the LORD the children of Israel would journey, and at the command of the LORD they would camp; as long as the cloud stayed above the tabernacle they remained encamped. :19 Even when the cloud continued long, many days above the tabernacle, the children of Israel kept the charge of the LORD and did not journey. :20 So it was, when the cloud was above the tabernacle a few days: according to the command of the LORD they would remain encamped, and according to the command of the LORD they would journey. :21 So it was, when the cloud remained only from evening until morning: when the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they would journey; whether by day or by night, whenever the cloud was taken up, they would journey. :22 *Whether it was* two days, a month, or a year that the cloud remained above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would remain encamped and not journey; but when it was taken up, they would journey. :23 At the command of the LORD they remained encamped, and at the command of the LORD they journeyed;

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1.) Means we move on from **our past**

WE MOVE ON FROM OUR PAST

1a.) We move on from **salvation**

When Jesus Christ said to His disciples; “Come and Follow Me”
He didn’t invite them to be saved and then to go sit in the corner.

He Called Them to Live The “Absolute Life” –
The Deeper Life.

Rom. 14:19

Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

Heb. 6:1-2

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, :2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Have you ever noticed how rare it is for the Bible to talk about doubt among the believers?

Be Reminded // Be Assured // Be Going Onward

WE MOVE ON FROM OUR PAST

1b.) We move on from what we've seen

Luke 7:20-22

When the men had come to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, 'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?' " :21 And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight. :22 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them.

Psa. 138:8

The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

Every "Growing" Christian

Can look back to see where he/she has been with Jesus in life.

This Is **THE TESTIMONY** of the believer.

The tribulation believers – not the church will suffer

Rev. 12:11

And they overcame him (satan) #1 - by the blood of the Lamb and #2 - by the word of their testimony, and they #3 - did not love their lives to the death.

The believer's defense against Satan is (1) to bank on the **merits** of the death of Christ, (2) to be active in **witnessing**, and (3) to be willing to make any **sacrifice**, including death.

WE MOVE ON FROM OUR PAST

1c.) We move on from what we've **heard**

I'm Talking About Good Things Tonight.

Things That God Has Said to Us in The Past and We Have an Account of That – On the Record.

Rom. 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

James 2:17-20

Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. :18 ¶ But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. :19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! :20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

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2.) Means we move on into **our present**

WE MOVE ON INTO THE PRESENT

2a.) **Never** forgetting our Jordan

what was your Jordan?

(it was the day when you passed over from spiritual babyhood into spiritual manhood – the day it clicked)

Crossing The Jordan River is Not a Picture of

The Believer Dying and Crossing Over Into Paradise – no way !!!

**It's The Picture of The Deeper Walk with God.
Crossing the Jordan is Entering The Walk of Faith.**

WE MOVE ON INTO THE PRESENT

2b.) Deciding to become a worshipper

**they marked the moment by becoming worshippers
and they built altars.**

Joshua himself, built an Altar of stone in a
very private place.

WE MOVE ON INTO THE PRESENT

2c.) Listening for the next command

The LORD desires to Lead us by His Word.

??? Pastor Jack – Is it even possible to hear God's voice ???

The Answer is Happily - YES

Rev. 2:7

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Acts 13:2

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

**I cannot stress it enough –
the more you have the bible inside of you. the more clear He speaks.**

At first – God is almost **shouting to the New Believer.**
(like a quarterback in a game)

Then comes a Change in Diet.
(He begins to wean us from the easy to the still-small-voice)

Be Careful You Don't Wind Up Talking To Yourself.
(this happens when we desire an answer in a certain way.)

Let God Speak – He Will Always be Consistent
With His Word - The Bible.

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3.) Means we move on pursuing our future

WE MOVE ON PURSUING OUR FUTURE

3a.) Matured by the battles

looking back and seeing His faithfulness through it all
and looking around at where He has placed us.

Col. 1:9-10

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you,
and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom

and spiritual understanding; :10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Note Joshua's Example for Today's Christian

2Cor. 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. :4 For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, :5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

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3b.) **Laboring** for the cause

What we're Fighting for is Bigger than any of us.
You and I are living in "Enemy Occupied Territory"

Matt. 10:16

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

Matt. 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, :20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*" Amen.

2Tim. 4:3-5

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; :4 and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. :5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

1Tim. 4:7-8

But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. :8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

WE MOVE ON PURSUING OUR FUTURE

3c.) Awaiting the finish line

Can You Report Tonight That You Have Gone Thru a Dramatic Transformation Since Meeting Jesus Christ ?

the bible warns that fewer people make it to the end than those who start out.

But why?

But for no other reason than quitting, giving up on what is right.

Our Need (not an option) for making it to heaven.

Matt. 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. :2 Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. :3 Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, :4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. :5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. :6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' :7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. :8 And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' :9 But the wise answered, saying, "No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' :10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. :11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' :12 But he answered and said, "Assuredly, I say

to you, I do not know you.' :13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

Acts 1:6-8

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" :7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own... authority. :8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Unless Jesus Comes for Us Soon –

Some Here Tonight Will Die by Illness.

Some Here Will Die by an Accident. Some Here Will Live Long Lives.

Some Here May be Martyred.... All of Us Will Have to Be Faithful unto Death.

Rev. 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

The Sword of The Spirit

(isn't it awesome that the Bible has placed us into scenes where there are kings and kingdoms, devils and dragons, armour and swords...)

Eph. 6:10-18

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. :11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. :12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. :13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. :14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, :15 and having shod

your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; :16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. :17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; :18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

Eph. 5:18

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation;
but be filled with the Spirit,

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<

Come Forward for Prayer

End of Study

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