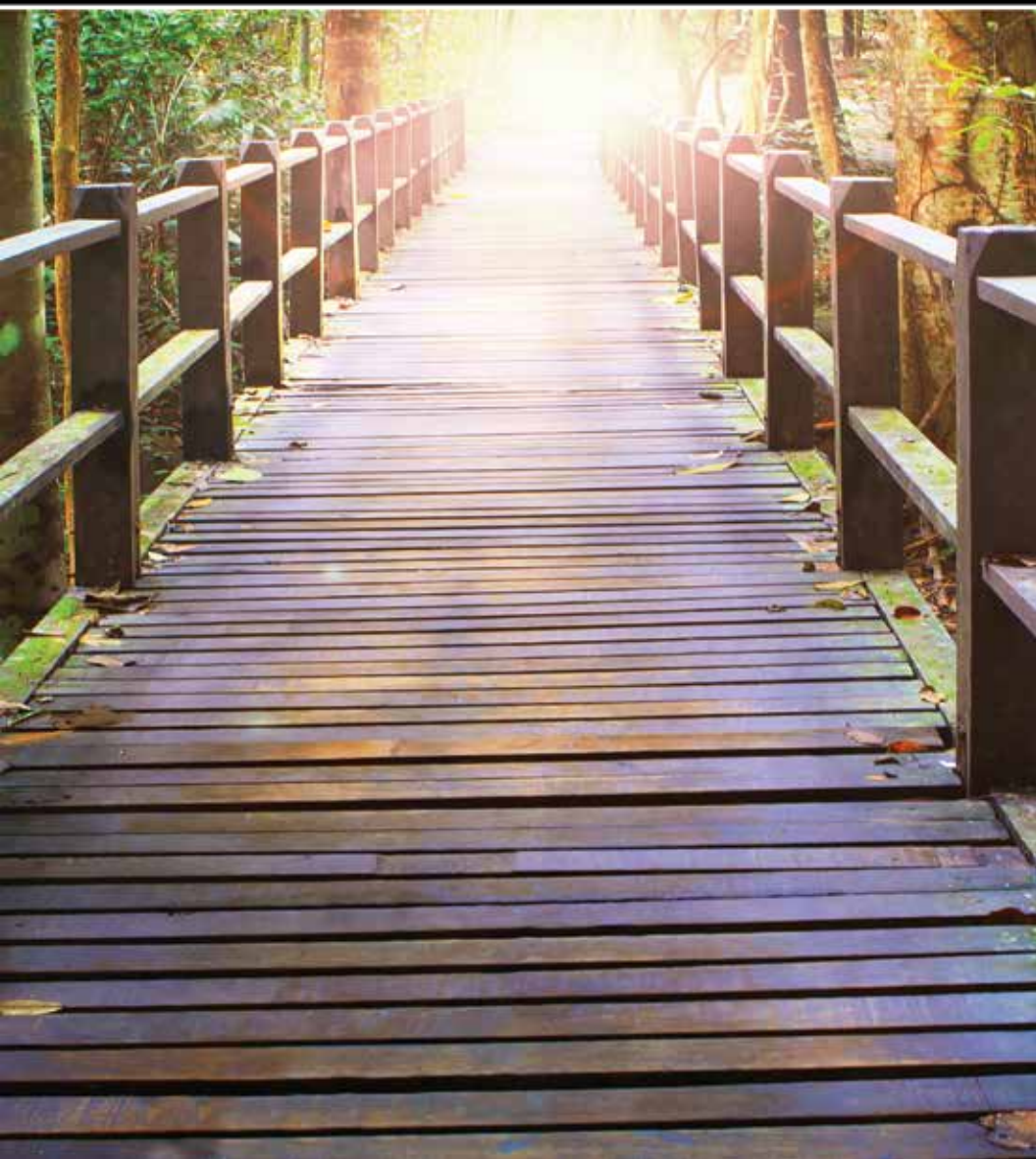


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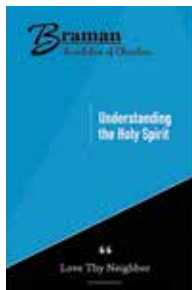
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# Welcome

Greetings to you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, our triune God. The one that is, was and shall always be. Our God of today, yesterday and the hereafter.

This body of work is meant to move you into a deeper relationship with Christ. This is why you will be challenged by these scriptures and commentary.

Discipleship is not easy and is not meant to “feel good”. Many possess characteristics, strongholds that they are not even ware they have. One must ask, seek and find through seeking the Lord to find out why these exists and such a “gap” or separation resides between themselves and Christ.

Christ said I and my Father are one and He went on to say greater works will you do as I go onward to my Father. Come into the realization that you are an immortal being, here, on a short sojourn to find God and help others along the way. Few understand that they are immortal that extends here on earth.

Grow in the realization of the truth of who you are so that you can be of use to Kingdom building.

The Harvest is plenty, but the laborers few. When is the last time you spoke of you testimony to another. Remember, you were dead and now you are alive. Speak of you love of Christ. Demonstrate this daily and walk upright, in righteousness, love and peace!

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## Lesson 1

# Luke 9:23

*“Who ever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”*

Today many Christians see the cross as a demonstration of their salvation. The cross may even be the cornerstone of their alliance to Christ. Yet, when Christ spoke this He meant this to convey the truth to take up your cross and follow me. The death by crucifixion, during this Roman occupation was the most humiliating and difficult means to die, at that time. As Christ, anyone, sentenced to die by crucifixion meant that the individual was given the task to carry their heavy cross. Then be spat upon and humiliated through a long procession to the death. Often spat upon and mocked the individual was humiliated.

And so when Christ says to take up their cross and follow me it is meant to convey the death of self. Just what is self and what is meant by killing self. Self is the fallen nature of man or woman commonly referred to as the ego. Within self lies all the nature at the “fall” of man and woman. The security

instinct within this framework of ego and when threatened retaliates and seeks to find security. Within the ego resides the instinct of security, sex and social norms. Fear is its number one characteristic combined with pride.

So Christ is asking us to allow this self, this ego to die and follow him with our true nature. Our divine nature, or image of Christ is our soul. Our divine nature, too has characteristics, described best for us in Galatians 5:22.

So we bear the cross and seek for self to die, so that our true nature, our divine nature may so shine. This is a daily process. And an understanding of this verse truly separates the churchgoer, the nominal Christian to what we commonly refer to as a disciple. Of course, today many churchgoers enjoy the idea that they mistakenly believe themselves disciples. Yet few truly follow Christ. Most are not able to differentiate through divine nature or true self from

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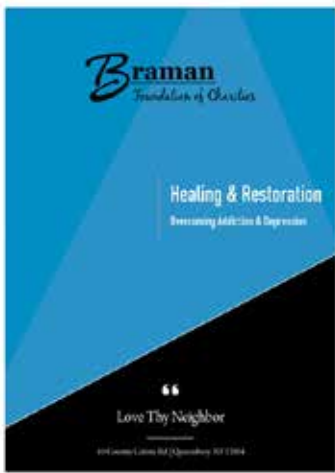


Millions of us suffer needlessly from addiction and depression. The reasons for this are many. In this program we emphasize the Affirmation Prayer, 12 step Christ centered work, meditation, CBT, nutrition guidance and other techniques to overcome addiction.

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their fallen natures. They may be born again yet , do not learn the art of Holy Listening. Therefore they are never completely sure which inner voice the listen too. What does all this have to do with taking up your cross and dying daily?

Because this is what Christ is asking you to do. Die to self. Notice the little “s” is used in referring to your ego self and “S” is referred to as your true Self or divine nature.

Remember be still and know I am God. By learning the art of Holy Listening you will gain your inner voice and be a son of God. Keep striving friend by asking the Lord to reveal to you your ego-self or fallen nature. Ask Christ to purify your self. Grow in the death of self. Then you will know and comprehend how to “die daily” and follow Christ as a disciple.



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## Lesson 2

# Luke 14:33

*“So likewise no one of you can be my disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.”*

So what are you holding unto that prevents you from being a true disciple. Perhaps you hold unto your carnal nature as you mistakenly believe you derive pleasure from your carnal nature.

Have you asked Christ to reveal this to you? Say, “Lord reveal to me what caused this gulf, this divide between us?”

Perhaps you are attached to a very destructive marriage. You illusion-ally believe you are called to stay married, yet it is a marriage of literal hell. Pray and seek the Lord and grow in discipleship.

What else have you not forsaken? Many Christians, rejoice in their hearts, as a spectator of a sporting event such as football, baseball or any sport. They speak more about these events, yet call themselves Christians!! They even clap and cheer more at their event than when in worship in church. Why do their lives conform to the standards of the world? Search your heart and ask.

Is it your home, your car, or your education or children’s education that is more on your heart?

Ask the Lord what you have that you will not let go of to truly follow Christ. Remember ask and I will answer, seek and you will find and knock and the door will be open. You have not because your ask not!!

So ask the Lord, “Father God, what am I holding unto that is causing a gulf between us.” Then listen and He will answer you grow in the art of Holy Listening.

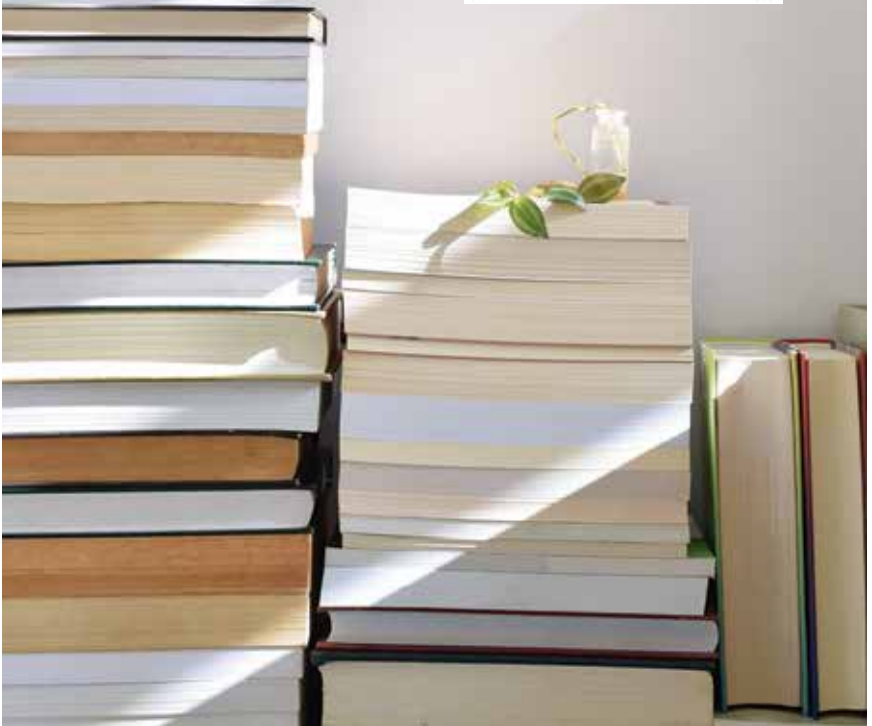
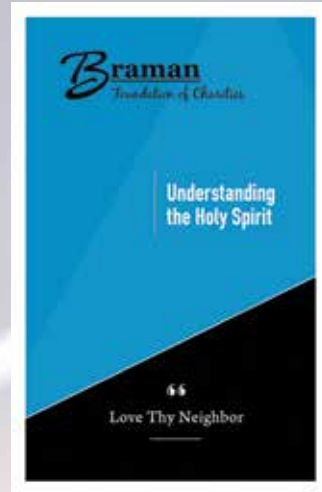
What do you need to forsake? Is there a stronghold of negative thinking patterns. Many times many of us are addicted to the darkness that lurks in this realm. We, intellectually know it is of no value, yet we entertain these negative thought patterns. Again as and it will be given unto you.

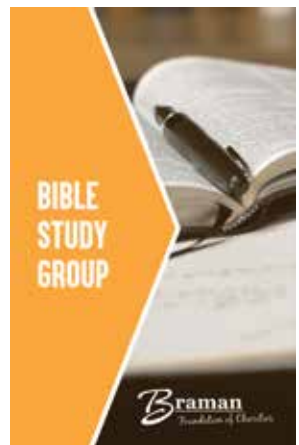
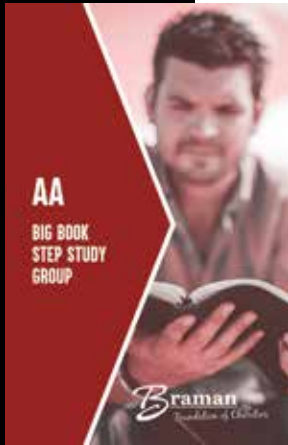
What ever the case may be forsake all to follow Jesus. Be attached to Christ and “seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteous, and those things will be added unto you.



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## Weekly Meetings at Queensbury Facility

### LOCATION

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## Discipleship

Every Tuesday, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

In the BFC Defined Discipleship Training literature, we examine the state of the church in America today. We spend time with the teachings of the great writings of: A.W Tozer, Thomas A Kempis, & A.B Simpson. There is time spent on the effects of Christ centered mediation, its scriptures and the significance of purifying the ego. We discuss regeneration, salvation, daily repentance and coming into a closer relationship with our creator. Finally we speak on a lifetime of devotion to God and Christ. Recommit your life as a Christ follower and continue your journey.

## Worship Service

Every Thursday, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Starting in September 2021, our worship service is a time to meet to praise, worship, pray to God and receive a teaching (sermon) based on the Bible along with a weekly communion.

## Bible Study

Every Friday, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Joining a small group is the best way to experience the incredible community here at BFC.

## Healing & Restoration

Every Saturday, 10:00am - 11:00am

As a brief history, we will explore the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Founded in June, 1935 the A.A. Program has helped millions recover from alcoholism. The essence and the backbone of the Program is the 12 Step Method. Healing & Restoration not only uses the 12 steps in a Christ centered format, it teaches CBT, meditation and has a focus on the body with nutrition and exercise.

## Prayer and Meditation

Every Sunday, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Meditation is not difficult. We meditate to commune in Christ. This Christ communion is an ideal state in which we can naturally unfold in. Learn to use this as your most meaningful time to experience God and in time you will walk continuously in God's presence.

## AA Meetings

Big Book Step Study Every Saturday, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

12 Step Women's Group Every Wednesday, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

The purpose of this meeting is to help alcoholics fully recover by the studying, discussing, and practicing of the twelve steps as they are laid out in the Big Book. It has been our hard-learned experience that other methods did not work with us. Some of us have tried other methods and our results were disastrous, until we looked at the basic and simple approach the Big Book offers.



# August 2021

August 1, 2021

Sunday

## BE DETERMINED TO OVERCOME

*"For the Lord helps me, Therefore, I am not disgraced; Therefore, I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed."*

– Isaiah 50:7

*"Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, do not be far from me!"*

– Psalm 38:21

**A**s you strike a match look at how hard that surface is that ignites the match. And so, your determination ought to be to overcome self. For you know that the Lord Thy God is with you as you have invited the Lord to be with you. Now is the time to take seriously your salvation to overcome sin. There is an effort on your part to overcome, press in and be free to be greatly used in kingdom building. Remember the words of Jesus: "I tell you unless you are converted and become like children you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven." Think of the innocence of a small child: Without a sense of self or ego. My friends go deeper and dissolve that sense of self and be free. You can do this with the Grace of God. You are an overcomer. Strive, strive, strive and then one day you have arrived. Praise to the Lord the almighty of Heaven!

August 2, 2021

Monday

## LIFT ALL YOUR REQUESTS ON HIGH

*"Be anxious of nothing, but in everything through prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."*

– *Philippians 4:6*

**L**ift up all your requests to God. God simply is, was and shall always be. Why do you believe that through self you can manage your own life better than the Lord? You have sought the Lord, yet you continue to ignore the still small voice that is trying to speak to you, to guide you and protect you. The voice that says for you to Love the Lord Thy God with all your heart and with all your mind and your soul. The voice that also says to love your neighbor as yourself. This is your great God that is saying I hear your requests be not anxious, yet do you listen? Are you with me. I walk with you and talk with you, yet you do not follow me. Your life is a living testimony of that fact. Stop following your old nature, your self and follow me your new man the God with in you!

August 3, 2021

Tuesday

## THE LORD WORKS WITHIN YOU

*"The Lord will accomplish what concerns me; Thy loving kindness, O Lord, is everlasting; Do not forsake the works of Thy hands."*

– *Psalm 138:8*

*"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."*

– *Philippians 1:6*

**T**he Lord is at work in you, changing you opening doors and closing doors. The Lord is on your side. The Lord is your great protector. The Lord is your redeemer. You have been saved and have asked the Lord into your life. As such He is at work within you asking you to yield to your selfish ways. Therefore, let not your heart be troubled for through His Grace redemption is at hand. Your effort is needed to stay on this path, however the Lord is at work in you through the blessing of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, rejoice in the Lord and be ever confident in the Lord Thy God. He is on your side working to perfect you and complete you in Him!

August 4, 2021

Wednesday

## PUT ON YOUR NEW NATURE

*"If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things above, not of the things of this earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God."*

– Colossians 3:1-3

**M**y friends you have made a conscious decision to follow Christ. You have renounced self and the things of this world. Now you have His Grace and Mercy to bring you into your True Nature in Christ. You now must continue to repent from your old ways. Get on your knees and ask the Lord: "Reveal to me the sin nature in which I must renounce?" Then listen and repent and say: "O Lord more of Thee and less of me." Do this as often as possible late at night before you retire for rest. The Lord is waiting for you to acknowledge Him in ALL you do. Stop being lukewarm for it is time for you to step up and claim your true Victory in Christ. Then you will be used in kingdom Building. Stop wasting time and get on with your salvation. Take your eyes off the things of this world.

August 5, 2021

Thursday

## THE FULLNESS OF GOD

*"For in Him all the fullness of the Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority."*

– Colossians 2:9-10

**A**ll the attributes are in God as Christ the Son. For God is all in all: Omnipotence, omnipresent, omniscience, immutable and infallible. God is!!! As an individual made in His image you are made complete in Him through your salvation: Your regeneration began when you turned toward the light and acknowledge the truth that Christ is your redeemer, raised from the death and you confessed. Now you are in this family of the saved, the redeemed, his protection, His care, His redeeming Love, you are in the joy of the Lord, the apple of His eye, the jewel of the crown of Majesty, his justice and security, the comfort of the Holy Presence and His mercy that shows no end. And so, rejoice and praise the one that is above and in us all!!

August 6, 2021

Friday

## BE IMITATORS OF CHRIST

*“The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walks.”*

– Mark 16:16

**L**et us be imitators of Christ. Walk as He walked. Love as He loved. Pray as he prayed. Not to think we cannot be like Christ, but to know He that is in me, is greater than he that is in this world. Each of us is made in a divine image of God Himself. This is the true nature of who we are in God.

Our fallen nature is what we have taken on from the fall of man. We are to put on the new self through regeneration in Christ. Remember while you are saved through Grace there must be effort on your part to be like Christ. Repent, pray, meditate on His matchless word, fast, serve others and grow in the power of the Holy Spirit. Do not stop but repent of your fallen nature and seek Christ more and more. Renounce self and put on Christ’s nature. Your truth!!

August 7, 2021

Saturday

## GOD IS THE SUPPLIER

*“Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy”*

– 1 Timothy 6:17

**E**ven though you may be greatly blessed in this world, have no and little attachment to the “things” of this world. For as you know all things of this world are changing, not permanent. This world, in which we live may seem so real yet ask the one that was here today and has moved on to heaven. We try to hold onto the things that are not real but ever-changing in hopes that we can somehow control what we have, the relationships in which we live and the communities in which we enjoy. My friends even your spouse will someday be gone from you, your children and all the you believe you own. Not one thing is yours. Therefore, get acquainted with God. Know God!! Seek yea first the Kingdom of the Lord and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. This world in which you believe to be so real will one day be gone and then where will you be?

August 8, 2021

Sunday

## CHRIST IS FOREVER WITH YOU

*“Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

– Matthew 28:20

**T**rust in the Master’s word. I will never leave you nor forsake you even until the end of the age. There is no other relationship more important and more intimate than one you have with Christ. For God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost is one in the same and if you are a follower of Christ you too are His disciple. My friends even your spouse will leave you one day. There is no way to overcome this drama of Fallen man. Yet Jesus’s Promise is Yes and Amen!!! This is forever, as you are made in His image and through regeneration you activated the mystery of this truth, so be it!!!! Tell others and bring others into the truth: That as we accept Christ as our personal savior and confess our sin while believing that Christ rose from the dead we are indeed saved. We are now part of this Royal Priesthood, protected redeemed and sanctified. The regeneration of the old self dying and putting on the new man begins!!!! Go forward knowing you are secure in Christ.

August 9, 2021

Monday

## THE NEW SELF

*“You lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind and put on the new self.”*

– Ephesians 4:22-24

**T**his new self is your regenerated nature, as we have been born a new you have turned inward and you are reborn. You have made this conscious decision and the Spirit has come upon you. Not just any spirit, but the Holy Spirit the King of Kings. Now there is effort, for the “old man” will not just go away. Daily seek yea first the Kingdom of God and his Righteousness and all these things shall be added unto Thee. Do not stop go deeper and abide more, serve more and seek the Lord in all you do. Finally spend more time in repentance and watch as the old self dies and your regenerated self appears. Praise God!!! For I did not do what I did and I am putting in my true, new nature as I lose self. O praise to the Lord of Lords!!!



August 10, 2021

Tuesday

## EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ...”*

– Ephesians 1:3

**T**his verse does not imply some spiritual blessing but every spiritual blessing. His providence insures our protection here and into heaven. Our Lord has come to set us free from the bondage of those tendencies that bind us to this world. He is our witness to the truth of the perfection of God. That in Him we are saved, born a new, regenerated into a life that is secure, blessed and is destined for all eternity. The blessings of Christ flow over into our work, our families and our communities. His sacrifice is for all generations that we are were and shall always be part of the highest of the high, the Royal Priesthood, the Lord of Lords. As you have made your decision to renounce sin, to overcome this world and to be in Christ you have made the decision to complete emancipation. Praise be to God who is Lord over us all! Amen!

August 11, 2021

Wednesday

## ABUNDANT FAVOR

*“Now to Him who able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.”*

– Ephesians 3:20-21

**N**ow who would not, NOT want such favor in their lives? We struggle and work and toil in this life, yet as followers/disciples of Christ we are given such abundance! Did you NOT know this? Therefore, abide in Christ more, repent of your fallen nature and allow yourself to be transformed into the likeness in Christ Jesus. There is greater peace, greater joy that Jesus wants to give to you, but you must seek, go deeper and abide. As you abide your old nature withers and dies and your nature in Christ, your true self-made in His image shines forth in abundant Love of God, others and your life. This is truly living the abundant life. Have a blessed life as you press in more and more! Do not stop!

August 12, 2021

Thursday

## SUBMIT

*“Search me O God and know my heart;  
Try me and know my thoughts; And see if  
there be any hurtful way in me; And lead  
me in your everlasting way.”*

– Psalm 139:23

**W**hen you lift up this verse truly from your heart be prepared to repent. Be ready for the test. Throughout our salvation through sanctification the Lord is seeking for us to abide in Him. This process can only be accomplished through removal of the sin nature within us that keeps us from unification or oneness in Christ. Remember when you made this decision to follow Christ it is above any worldly relationship currently in your life: Your children, your spouse, an elderly parent. The Lord wants all of you. We must learn to eliminate those comforts that draw us away from God; that bind us to this world. For we are not of this world we only live in it as we are in a strange land that is not our home. Wear this life, your body, this realm like a loose glove. Be ready to move on anytime.

August 13, 2021

Friday

## MY PEOPLE

*“I will dwell in them and walk among  
them; and I will be their God, and they  
shall be my people.”*

– 2 Corinthians 6:16

*“For you are a holy people to the Lord  
your God; and the Lord has chosen you to  
be a people for His own possession out of  
all the Peoples who are on the face of the  
earth.”*

– Deuteronomy 14:2

**T**his of course is speaking of the nation of Israel. As a follower of Christ, you are of course, as a matter of fact, adopted. You are part of His royal Priesthood. You are one of His people. You are especially chosen as His own possession. He has bought you with His blood. He has brought them nigh unto Himself. He has set His great heart upon them. He has loved them with an everlasting love!!!

My friends can you just go the depths of understanding how protected you are as one of His people. Shout for joy!!! Carry this message to others that you know struggle as they are not part of this family. Bring them into this fold!!! The Lord is asking you to build his Kingdom. Will you answer His call?

August 14, 2021

Saturday

## THY WILL BE DONE

*"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up on wings as eagles; they shall run and not grow weary and walk and they shall not faint."*

– Isaiah 40:31

**T**he Lord's work is unending and forever enduring. Work in which you never "Burn Out". Allow yourself to be used by the Holy Spirit, to be a conduit in which the Holy Spirit can count on and you will be ever used in Kingdom building. Remember not to lean on your own understanding, always trusting in the Lord and He will make straight your ways. Your energy comes from the Holy Spirit for you are not responsible for the outcome of the work. You are used to accomplish His purposes. Surrender my friends and you will soar.

August 15, 2021

Sunday

## THERE WILL BE STRUGGLES

*"In this world you will have tribulation."*

– John 16:33

**O**n this side of heaven my friends **DO NOT** think you will not have trouble because you are a believer. Know there are forces at work against you as you come closer in Christ. Pray more and more of Thee and less and less of me. Then you have your own inner struggle with self. Sin still abounds and through your regeneration you must go deeper in your repentance and spend more time with the Lord. Finally, you have this world and all its distractions. Yes, this world and all its illusions that delude you into thinking there is lasting happiness here. Remember my friends: The Kingdom of Heaven is within you. You are, were, and shall always be made in the Divine Image of He that created it all. Remember Christ: "Follow me for I have overcome. I am the way the truth."

August 16, 2021

Monday

## THE LORD WILL NEVER FORSAKE YOU

*"Return unto me so that I may return unto you."*

– Zechariah 1:3

There may be times in our life that we believe that the lord is not with us. Perhaps prayer is not answered. Family members are struggling. A child takes a wrong path in life. Our life does not have the peace it once had a time ago. All of us experience this "feeling" of separateness. It is most important that a deep understanding be rooted within you: That God is was and shall always be, that God is Omnipresent and He is always with us. It is the fallen nature of sin in which we exist in this idea that we are separated from God. We must repent more and ask God to reveal to us those iniquities that are causing this illusion of separation. The fact is that you are where and shall always be made in the Divine image of God. This illusion that you are separated must be smashed. You also must live a totally Grace given life to stop the sowing and reaping through your sin nature. Therefore, go deeper, spend more time with the Lord and ask and He will answer. God never leaves us. We either lose God through our sin nature and are blinded from his attributes or we were never born again in the first place. Whatever the problem seek and you shall find ask and He will answer. Do not stop seeking until you are one with in Christ. **YOU WILL KNOW WHEN YOU WILL KNOW.**

August 17, 2021

Tuesday

## IN YOUR DARKEST DAYS

*"You are my refuge in my darkest days."*

– Jeremiah 17:17

As a new believer you may be soaring on a pink cloud and all is glorious, peaceful and joy filled. The Lord guards us when we are new to the spiritual path as we are new, weak, lack biblical strength. However there comes a time in every believers walk when the "storm of life" picks up. Always remember that God will never give you more than you can handle. Though life seems dreary, dark and difficult He is the nearer of the near. The Lord is always in all situations. Call upon the Lord and continue to repent of your wicked ways. To think that you are not wicked is an illusion, or to believe you have no sin is a delusion. You have not because you ask not, and you lack power because your consciousness is seared in sin. remember you are not to conform to this world, but to be transformed through the renewing of your mind. Therefore, do not look around and compare your life to those around you, rather go within and ask the Lord to reveal the sin nature that blocks off the sun light of His spirit. **DO NOT STOP MY FRIENDS GO DEEPER.**

August 18, 2021

Wednesday

## IS THERE MORE THAN THE EYE CAN SEE?

*“For what does a man profit if he gains the whole world yet loses his soul?”*

– Matthew 16:26

**M**y friends, many of us struggle our lives in our education, our careers to live what we believe is the “American Dream.” A life, filled with nice and comfortable things and a lifestyle of a level of luxury, yet our lives are empty. We seek this idea that at a certain age we retire and can relax yet what are we enjoying. The emptiness you feel, the void in your life can not be filled by greater vacations, a nicer second home, another newer car or a higher better education for your children. We brag to our family and loved ones how well we are doing yet we ignore the inner call to Love our neighbors. We live in an emptiness and never have real intimacy with one another. We live in contempt of the Spirit and say to ourselves and those who we know will agree with us: “This is my life. I will live it as I please. No one will tell me to believe in a God.” O fools if you only knew what awaits your demise!! Remember the command: “To love the lord Thy God with all your heart, your mind and your soul, and to love Thy neighbor as you love yourself.” Where will you be when asked: “What did you do to further my Kingdom?” And yet some of you will never even be asked. O may God have mercy upon you.

August 19, 2021

Thursday

## LET US NOT FORGET OUR LORD

*“This do in remembrance of me.”*

– Corinthians 11:24

**I**s it possible that we forget Christ? The one that shed His blood for us all, Jesus. The one that walked among us, took on our condition to save us. The perfected Christ who loves us without condition. The Christ that shall always be, yet we do for get Jesus. We become distracted through self. We forget God and are compelled through self to think, to talk and act contrary to His command: To Love. We live in a fallen world that continues to pull us away from the one true God. This world in which you live is ever-changing and can give no real peace, joy or happiness. Come home to the truth and be anchored in the unchanging word of God, be in love with the Lord of us all. Repent of your waywardness and do not accept your current level of development. For you are made in the divine image of our great God. You must go deeper within and go deeper in Christ. Submit yourself to the undeniable truth: That He lives, that He is forever in you as you have committed your all in Him. Come home my friends and dwell in the bosom of His Love, peace and unending joy.

August 20, 2021

Friday

## GOD PROMISES

*“For all the promises of God in him are yes and in him. Amen.”*

– 2 Corinthians 1:20

**T**he promises of God are vast and hold true: He is our protector, our shield, our rock. God promises us a long and prosperous life. God promises us relief over fear, Anxiety, and worry. Freedom from addictions, deliverance from evil, financial provision, overcoming depression, deliverance from sin. Hope for the lost, and hurting families and friends, recovering marriage. Healing is a great promise in God and there are many others.

These promises are just some of the gifts from God to those who claim and call on God. To the level that you abide in Christ is the extent that these promises will manifest in your life. Have you asked the Holy Spirit into your life? Have you been repenting from your self? Have you asked God to be more and more of you and less and less of self? If you find your life lacking, then commit more and more in Christ. Go deeper my friends and know that God does not lie!

August 21, 2021

Saturday

## MY REDEEMER LIVETH

*“I know my Redeemer liveth.”*

– Job 19:25

**C**harles H. Spurgeon: “Yes, I cast myself upon a Living Lord; and He is mine. A living Redeemer, truly mine, is joy unspeakable.” O to truly walk with the Lord!!! The Lord knows all your cares, your burdens. You only need to believe and surrender into that Grace. The Lord is there for you always and forever. Read about Job and understand His struggles and what He lost, but God was there and is there for you. Therefore, cast all your cares upon Him and rest in His peace. The world knoweth Him not yet you are the apple of His eye, part of His Royal Priesthood. You may rest under His wing knowing He ever goes before you making your paths straight. Yield and spend time with the Lord. Get to know the only true Savior that awaits your communion. This world will never satisfy you.

August 22, 2021

Sunday

## FOR GOD IS LOVE

*“There is no fear in Love; but perfect love casts out all fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because He first loved us.”*

– 1 John 4:18-19

**L**ove is the essence of God. When we are deep within and have turned to the Lord there is a presence unspeakable, a wholeness that cannot be found in this world. In his presence is perfected love. Love that transcends any earthly encounter. Beyond feeling, beyond longing only being, fulfilled of an inner joy that wells up within. Knowledge that He that is in you is greater than he that is in this world. Therefore, let us love one another as God loves us. Let us not identify with this temporary world, rather go to Thorne of true permanence: God

August 23, 2021

Monday

## SERVE THOSE AROUND YOU

*“His mother said to his servants, ‘Whatever He says for you to do, do it.’”*  
– John 2:5

*“Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you have received so therefore freely give.”*  
– Matthew 10:8

**T**he Lord was given to us freely. There is no greater gift than a life grounded in Christ. Yet where is your works in service to your fellows? Did not James write: Faith without works is dead!! Is not faith the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of the unseen? Action is needed my friends. Step into your God-given future and claim your birthright!!! Christ has asked you to serve therefore, let your life be a life of rendered service. His command to “Love Thy Neighbor” is needed now as much as then perhaps more. Ask and you will be led to your works. Yet how can you hear if you do not have ears to hear? Are you abiding in the Holy Spirit? If not change your ways and go within and REPENT!!!!

August 24, 2021

Tuesday

## THE LORD IS COMING

*“Behold, I am going to send my messenger, and He will clear the way before Me. And the Lord whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of His covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming, says the Lord of Hosts.”*

– Malachi 3:1

**M**alachi was written some 400 years before the coming of Jesus upon this earth. The last prophet to share the coming of the Lord. We are then given John the Baptist living proclamation of Christ 400 years later. In fact, throughout the old testament it is prophesied over 36 times the coming of the Savior.

The question is: Do you believe? If so are you truly free in Christ? Are you telling others of your freedom in Christ? If not please inquire: Am I truly free and have I truly repented of my sin nature. “Shout for Joy, O my people of Zion.” The Lord is coming indeed, and the Lord shall die and rise again!!!!Shout for joy!!! The King has come!!!!

August 25, 2021

Wednesday

## LOVE OF CHRIST HIS SHED BLOOD

*“Drink of it all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is being poured out for the many for the forgiveness of sins.”*

– Matthew 26:27-28

**T**his is Christ’s last supper in which He declares to His closest disciples that He is the new covenant and that His shed blood is poured out for the forgiveness of all our sins. Christ appeared at that point of time for all of humankind regardless of Religious Creed, Economic status, Ethnicity, or family of origin, or gender, Christ was predicted to appear for the purpose of Saving the World. It matters little whether Jewish, atheists, Muslim or any religion. Christ is NOT a religion. Christ is the way to everlasting life. As He appeared then He is as significant today. Allow your life to surrender to Jesus and understand the significance of His life. Make your decision to follow the way of love, peace and joy. While many claim to be filled without Christ, they will never be able to experience the freedom in Christ. Celebrate His Victory. Death where is your sting?



August 26, 2021

Thursday

## THE LORD'S SUFFERING

*"I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, and they have pierced my hand and feet. I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing."*

– Psalm 22:14-18

**O**ur Lord describes His crucifixion. Oh Lord help our unbelief. This is written about 1,000 years B.C. Oh Lord how you suffered for the many. As you live through this Holy week think of, meditate on the life of Christ. His triumphant entrance on Psalm Sunday to His Crucifixion and resurrection. Allow your old self, your old nature to die and be crucified also. Repent and go deeper, feel the agony of Jesus who shed blood is for all of your sin nature. And know that Christ is alive waiting for you to acknowledge Him in all you do. Reflect on His life and pour out yourself on the altar of the living Christ and be renewed, reborn and forever free in Thee!!!!

August 27, 2021

Friday

## ASK IN CHRIST'S NAME

*"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him."*

– 1 John 5:13-15

**A**gain, and again: Always are our prayers answered? Do we truly know Christ? Are your prayers answered? Are we abiding in Christ? There is a point in one's salvation in which one becomes sick and tired of self. That what may be good to the world is NOT God's best. There deeper work begins in repentance of this world. My friends learn to hate that which is not of Heaven. Learn to despise yourself and allow yourself to be taken over through the Power of the Holy Spirit. There Christ shall meet you, angels shall surround you and the power that comes on High will use you to reform not only yourself but those around you. In the end your life will be a reformation of bringing hundreds and thousands to the Kingdom of God. My friends go deeper, Renounce your life and yourself!!!!

August 28, 2021

Saturday

## ABIDE IN CHRIST AND ASK IN HIS NAME

*"If you abide in me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."*

– John 15:7

**A**nd here is the testimony and command of Jesus: He will grant your prayers however are you abiding in Him? How many times were your prayers NOT answered? Ask yourself these questions: Is Christ the Love of my life? Have I completely surrendered in Christ? If so am I walking with Christ in deepening relationship daily day after day after day? Is the Holy Spirit more and more and more in me and am I as self-less? One way to measure this is: Do I love others more? Am I concerned with me and my life less? So honestly ask this and judge for yourself if you are abiding. For if you are not it is very likely that your prayers are unanswered, and you continue to live for self. Grow in your relationship in Christ through asking you to be removed from your life and replaced by Him. Say Oh Lord more and more of Thee and less and less of me and pour your heart out and weep on your knees. Love the Lord with all Thine heart, mind and soul. And never stop.

August 29, 2021

Sunday

## SING A NEW SONG

*"But let all who take refuge in Thee be glad; Let them ever sing for joy; and may You shelter them, that those who love your name may exult you."*

– Psalm 5:11

**B**e forever Happy regardless of your earthly circumstances. You are part of The Royal Priesthood. Rejoice in this truth for there is no other commitment that is greater in your life. So, SHOUT FOR JOY!!!! Raise your hands to the heavens and be blessed!!!! Your commitment to follow the Lord and to grow into this relationship is the single most LOVE you will encounter. There is nothing greater. So, REJOICE!!!! now show others the way!!!! This is the path of everlasting joy!!!!

August 30, 2021

Monday

## BRING LOVE TO YOUR NEIGHBORS

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring the good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners...”*

– Isaiah 61

**T**he Spirit of the Lord is upon us all!!! This verse is meant for you. You have been chosen at this appointed time to serve the Lord. You are to heal the sick. To love your neighbor and to speak to the prisoners and proclaim: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Today is the day my friends!! Today allow the Holy Spirit to move in you; to use you to build His Kingdom!!!! If you have confessed that Jesus is your Lord and confessed your sins to Him and have believed that He rose from the dead, then you do belong to Christ!!! Get up and shout to the Lord!!!!!!

August 31, 2021

Tuesday

## THE LORD KNOWS

*“The Lord said, ‘I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and I am concerned about their trouble because of their taskmasters, I am aware of their sufferings.’”*

– Exodus 3:7

**O**ur great God knows of your struggles. Our great God is Omnipresent. All in all. There no thing He is not aware of and He knows the difficulties of His people. Confess to God your sorrows. Turn your life over in God And thank God that He listens and press in and know YOU ARE LOVED. Our God is an awesome God that will comfort you and give you peace. Press in my friends and He will answer. There is great opposition in our world but OH how sweet the Lord His for He has overcome this world and conquered it!!!! So, Praise God in your affliction and thank God as you go deeper and deeper in Him.

## Lesson 3

# Luke 9:24-25

*“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What is a man profited if He gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself.”*

SO what is Luke writing here, whoever wants to save his or her life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Christ will save it?

Christ appears to be asking you to completely surrender realizing that through this process you will lose life and through Christ’s spirit you will gain life. Not a life as one in the secular landscape may know, rather a life “caught up” in the Spirit. Love, forgiveness, purity, abundance, peace and joy to express just some of the characteristics of the spirit.

Many Christians, never experience the fullness of the spirit of Christ that is available to them. They are saved, may attend religion service and serve, yet are never able to experience the true joy of the Spirit. This, of course, is very unfortunate but needless to say it is the truth. For so many of us our experience as a Christian is rooted in shallowness and worldliness. The church has failed to teach the \_\_\_\_\_ of discipleship, Holy listening and meditative prayer.

Even so, it is never too late to allow your self to be caught up in the spirit while still here on earth. Learn to lose you life - let go of all sense of self. Friend what is your true nature in Christ? Keep striving through your progressive sanctification. Do not stop, friend you can do this. This is the spirit of God encouraging you to overcome you as self, your ego identified self. Let go, repent and seek a way , the way of knowing Christ, your true and only friend. Let go of this world. There is nothing here that is as valuable as your true friend, Jesus. Dig deeper, now ask Jesus, say “Lord, what is it that binds me



# *A Daily Devotional*

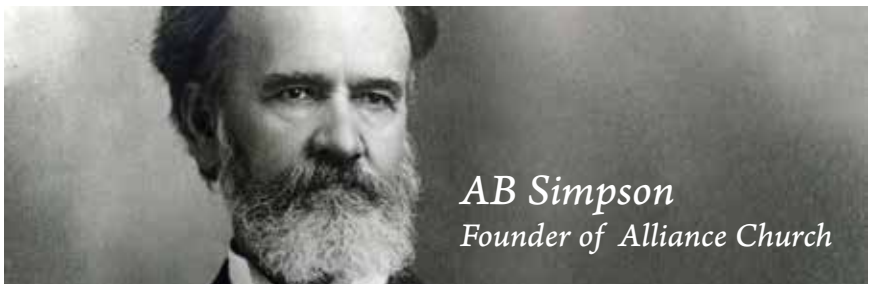
## **WATCH AND PRAY MATTHEW 26:41**

We need to watch our prayers as well as watch for the answers to our prayers. It requires as much wisdom to pray rightly as it does faith to receive the answers to our prayers.

A Christian confided that he had been in years of darkness because God had failed to answer certain of his prayers. As a result, he had been in a state bordering on infidelity.

A very few moments were sufficient to convince this friend that his prayers had been entirely unauthorized and that God had never promised to answer such prayers. They were for things which, in the exercise of ordinary wisdom, he should accomplished himself. The result was deliverance from the cloud of unbelief which was almost wrecking his Christian life.

There are some things about which we do not need to pray as much as to take the light God has already given. Many people are asking God to give them peculiar signs, tokens and supernatural intimations of His will. Our business is to use the light He has given, and then He will give whatever more we need.



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here to this earth? Remove, and reveal to me if it is thy will, of Lord, oh divine master.”

Get alone, grow in this solitude and know Christ. Lose you life, at least, the life you think you have and instead be caught up in Christ’s plan for your life.


Now friend, do not turn back, grow in this divine friendship. For Christ is the nearest of near and the dearest of dear. There is His power , no relationship that is greater.

Greater is He that is in you than He that is in this world. Here John, Christ is speaking thru John, saying the I in you can overcome any evil, any worldly difficult, any ego-driven desire.

Melt all your worldliness into the bosom of Christ. Don’t stop my good friend. God yearns for all of you, do not stop. Grow in this understanding. This teaching comes from the pure spirit of the Lord. Telling you, friend I love you, come home!

Lose your life and gain a life in Christ. Friend grow in this knowledge. It is a realization not an intellectual exercise. Go all the way! DO not hesitate! God awaits you!

You came here on earth to return to the source. Now is your time, it is your opportunity. Do not allow the world to hold you back. This world is not your friend The Lord awaits you.



**NEW BOOK  
COMING SOON!**

The church is struggling to teach our people how to confess, repent, self-reflect and become devoted to Christ in submission.

We are great at getting others saved, but just fail miserably with working with others in discipleship. It is important to note that Christ has commanded in Matthew 28.

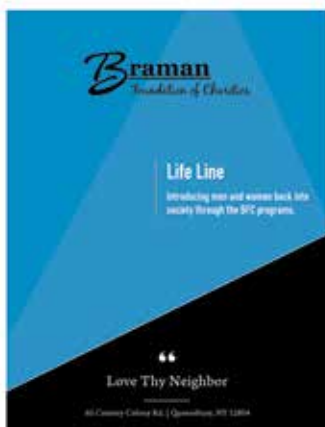
This short essay is to help the believer with tools to bring the believer into a deeper relationship with Christ. Press into a relationship with Christ that is the single most important relationship in your life. He will never leave you nor forsake you.

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*“Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

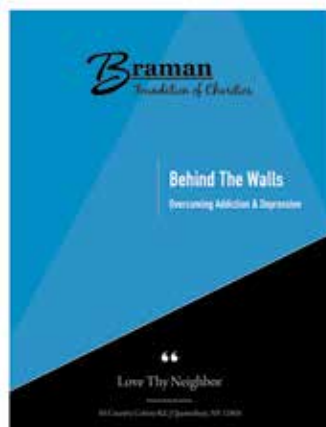
# ARE YOU BEING CALLED INTO PRISON MINISTRY?

Do you understand what Christ was saying in Matthew 25:36 " I was in prison and you visited me"



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## Lesson 4

# Revelation 3:15,16,19

*“I know all the things you do , that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish you were one or the other. But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth... I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be zealous and torn from your indifference.”*

Friend, the Lord sees all!! You hide nothing. Why do you do the “things” that zap the spirit of God from you?

Remember the zeal you once had when you first were given your faith? Remember that zeal! God is seeking this in you once again. Friend, get your fire back.

Your indifference sickens the Lord for you are neither hot nor cold but a heart that is sealed up. Learn to stay pliable, be flexible.

The Lord corrects those in which He loves. He loves those that come to Him and seek His ways. Therefore, count it all joy to be corrected for it is discipline.

Jesus yearns for you to be on fire for Him for His salvation! It's free after all! Yet, you have little enthusiasm for Him. What happened to you? You have lost your zeal to speak about Christ! Remember?

Go to your knees and seek forgiveness

for your indifference! Repent, turn away, from and get your fire back! Be passionate!

Friend, why aren't you talking about Jesus? Why be so bound to this world? Soon you will move on from this realm. Where will you find yourself next?

Your salvation, the most important event in your life ought to create a flame burning inside that you can't wait to tell others.

Be zealous!! Grow in your zealousness for Christ and His Kingdom.

# WHY DOES FEAR RULE YOUR LIFE?

Learn to memorize the most powerful scriptures in dealing with fear.

*“For God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love, and self control.”*

2 Timothy 1:7

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*“Behold God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and song, and He has come my salvation.”*

Isaiah 12:2

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*“Do not fear, for I am with you, do not anxiously look ahead for I am your God, I will strengthen you.”*

Isaiah 41:10

# SPURGEON'S CORNER



## *Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee* *Psalm 55:22*

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Care, even though exercised upon legitimate objects, if carried to excess, has in it the nature of sin. The precept to avoid anxious care is earnestly inculcated by our Saviour, again and again; it is reiterated by the apostles; and it is one which cannot be neglected without involving transgression: for the very essence of anxious care is the imagining that we are wiser than God, and the thrusting ourselves into his place to do for him that which he has undertaken to do for us. We attempt to think of that which we fancy he will forget; we labour to take upon ourselves our weary burden, as if he were unable or unwilling to take it for us. Now this disobedience to his plain precept, this unbelief in his Word, this presumption in intruding upon his province, is all sinful. Yet more than this, anxious care often leads to acts of sin. He who cannot calmly leave his affairs in God's hand, but will carry his own burden, is very likely to be tempted to use wrong means to help himself. This sin leads to a forsaking of God as our counsellor, and resorting instead to human wisdom. This is going to the "broken cistern" instead of to the "fountain;" a sin which was laid against Israel of old. Anxiety makes us doubt God's lovingkindness, and thus our love to him grows cold; we feel mistrust, and thus grieve the Spirit of God, so that our prayers become hindered, our consistent example marred, and our life one of self-seeking. Thus want of confidence in God leads us to wander far from him; but if through simple faith in his promise, we cast each burden as it comes upon him, and are "careful for nothing" because he undertakes to care for us, it will keep us close to him, and strengthen us against much temptation. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee."

# *Grow in your Daily Walk*

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*Grow in understanding. Be quiet and see a  
deeper relationship with Christ.*

*“Behold, I knock at your door, open  
up and comesit with me.”*

*Christ is asking you to be still and know I am God.*



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# Be zealous

## Revelation 3:19

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*Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline,  
be ever zealous therefore and repent.*

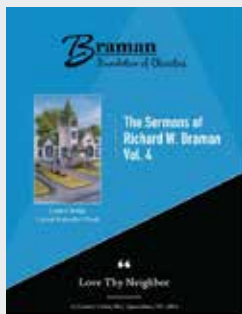
If you want to see souls converted, if you want to hear the cry that “the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord,”<sup>1</sup> if you want to place crowns upon the head of the Savior and see His throne lifted high, then be filled with zeal. For under God, the way the world will be converted is by the zeal of the church. Every element of grace will do its work, but zeal will be first; prudence, knowledge, patience, and courage will follow in their places, but zeal must lead the charge. It is not the extent of your knowledge, though that is useful, it is not the extent of your talent, though that is not to be despised, it is your zeal that will do great exploits.

This zeal is the fruit of the Holy Spirit: It draws its vital force from the continued operations of the Holy Spirit in the soul. If our inner life dwindles, if our heart beats slowly before God, we will not know zeal; but if everything inside is strong and vigorous, then we cannot but feel a loving urgency to see Christ’s kingdom come, and His will done on earth, even as it is in heaven.

A deep sense of gratitude will nourish Christian zeal. When we reflect on the miry pit from which we were lifted, we find plenty of reason for spending ourselves for God. And zeal is also stimulated by the thought of the eternal future. It looks with tearful eyes down to the flames of hell, and it cannot sleep: It looks up with anxious gaze to the glories of heaven, and it cannot stay still. It feels that time is short compared with the work to be done, and therefore it devotes all that it has to the cause of its Lord. And it is continually strengthened by remembering Christ’s example. He was clothed with zeal as with a cloak. How swift the chariot-wheels of duty went with Him! He never loitered on the way. Let us prove that we are His disciples by displaying the same spirit of zeal.

*- written by Charles Spurgeon, Evening by Evening,  
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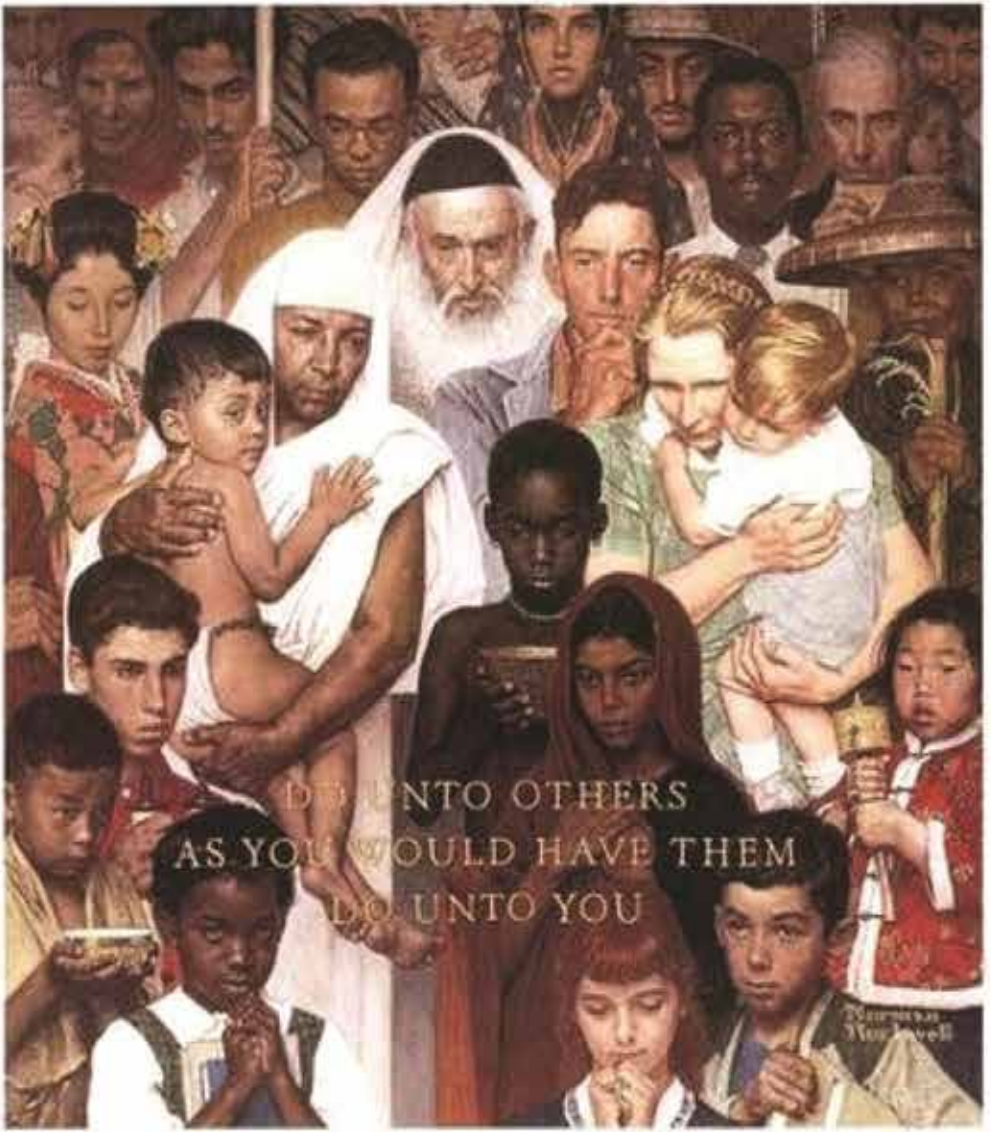
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