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Introduction

Welcome to *Foundations of Faith—a Growth on the Go study*. This study is designed to guide you on a transformative journey as you grow in your understanding and relationship with Christ.

In this six-week study, you'll explore key aspects of your life in Christ. You'll learn about the Bible, your identity in Christ, the role of the Holy Spirit, and how to live out your faith in the world. Each week is divided into manageable sections, with practical questions to encourage personal reflection and group discussion.

In addition to exploring your own walk with Christ, this study can be used as a discipleship or mentorship tool to lead family members, friends, or co-workers into their own saving relationship with Jesus.

How to Use This Bible Study Book

This Bible study is structured to be used over six weeks, but feel free to adjust the pace to suit your personal schedule or group setting. Here's how to get the most out of each session:

- 1. Read the Core Teaching**

Begin each week by reading through the main teaching section. This will give you a foundational understanding of the topic for that week. It's okay to take your time. If something feels especially meaningful or challenging, spend more time reflecting on it.

- 2. Engage with the Key Scriptures & Commentary**

Take time to reflect on the key verses provided for each lesson. These passages will deepen your understanding of the subject and show you how God's Word applies to your life today. As you read, ask the Holy Spirit to guide your understanding.

- 3. Reflect on the Group Questions**

These questions are designed to help you process and apply what you've learned. If you're studying alone, write your answers in a journal or notebook. If you're in a group, share your thoughts and listen to others' insights. Don't feel pressured to have the "right" answers—honest reflections are more valuable.

- 4. Personal Application & Journaling**

At the end of each week, spend time reflecting on how the teaching applies to your own life. Use the journaling prompts to help you internalize the message and set spiritual

goals. The journaling process can be simple; write down one or two things that stood out to you or challenged you this week.

5. Prayer & Weekly Challenge

Every week, you'll find a prayer prompt and a challenge to take what you've learned and put it into action. These challenges will help you grow in practical ways, such as memorizing a verse or committing to a new spiritual practice. Make these challenges a personal step in growing closer to God.

WEEK ONE: Introduction to the Bible

What is the Bible?

The Bible is a collection of 66 books that serves as God's Word to humanity. It is unique because it's not just a religious text, but a living, breathing revelation from God. The Bible is divided into two main parts: the Old Testament, which tells the story of God's creation, His covenant with Israel, and the prophecies about the coming Messiah; and the New Testament, which records the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the teachings of His disciples.

Reflection Questions:

- Why is it essential for us, as Christians, to believe the Bible is divinely inspired rather than just a human document? How does this belief shape how you read and apply its teachings?
- How does understanding the Bible as **God's living Word** impact your approach to studying it? Does it feel different than reading any other book?

Why is the Bible Important?

The Bible is important because it teaches us who God is, how we can have a relationship with Him, and how we should live our lives. Through the Bible, we learn about God's love for us and His plan for our salvation. The Bible also offers wisdom for navigating life's challenges and provides hope for the future.

As Christians, we emphasize the **inerrancy of Scripture**, meaning that the Bible is completely true and without error in what it teaches. While other religions may acknowledge parts of the Bible (for example, Islam views the Bible as containing some truth), we believe that the **full Bible** is the authoritative Word of God, which leads us to salvation in Jesus Christ.

Reflection Questions:

- Why do you think the Bible is considered the most important book for Christians?
- How has the Bible shaped your view of God and life? Can you think of a specific instance when God's Word changed how you saw a situation?

How Was the Bible Written?

The Bible was written over a span of more than 1,500 years by over 40 different authors. These authors came from various backgrounds—kings, fishermen, doctors, and prophets. Despite their differences, the Bible has one unified message: God's love and redemption plan for humanity. The Bible is unique in that it was written by human hands but inspired by God, making it divinely authoritative.

As we explore this, remember that the Bible's **authenticity and consistency** set it apart from other religious texts. Other faiths, such as **Islam**, believe in a form of divine revelation through their texts (like the Quran), but as Christians, we hold to the conviction that the Bible is **the final and complete revelation** of God's will for humanity.

Reflection Questions:

- How does knowing that the Bible was written by many different people over many years impact your understanding of it?
- Why do you think the Bible's message remains consistent throughout history? How does this challenge the way other faiths view sacred texts?

The Old and New Testaments

The Old Testament contains history, laws, prophecies, and poetry, while the New Testament focuses on the life of Jesus and the early church. Both are necessary for understanding God's work and plan for salvation. The Old Testament points to Jesus, while the New Testament shows how He fulfilled the promises made in the Old Testament.

The **Bible** teaches that the **Old Testament** is foundational, but the **New Testament** reveals the fullness of God's salvation through Christ. Understanding the relationship between the two is crucial to understanding the Bible's overarching message.

Reflection Questions:

- What's the relationship between the Old and New Testaments? How do they work together to reveal God's plan of salvation?
- How does understanding the Old Testament help you better appreciate the New Testament? Can you think of any Old Testament promises that were fulfilled in Christ?

The Bible as God's Living Word

The Bible is not just a historical document; it's alive and relevant today. Hebrews 4:12 tells us that "the Word of God is living and active." This means that as you read the Bible, it speaks to you personally and can change your life. The Bible is meant to be more than a book on your shelf; it's a tool for growth, transformation, and relationship with God.

In a world full of changing ideas and beliefs, the Bible remains **the constant**—a source of truth that never fades.

Reflection Questions:

- In what ways has the Bible been “living” for you? Have you ever felt God speak to you through a verse?
- How can you allow the Bible to shape your life today? Are there specific areas where God’s Word has transformed your thinking?

Weekly Challenge:

This week, read the book of **John** (it’s short and focuses on the life of Jesus). As you read, ask God to speak to you through His Word. Write down any verses that stand out to you and reflect on what God might be teaching you through them.

Application:

Spend at least 10 minutes every day reading the Bible and reflecting on what you’ve read. Make a habit of journaling your thoughts and prayers as you engage with Scripture. Take time to ask God to speak to you through His Word and guide you in applying it to your daily life.

WEEK 2: Understanding God's Word in Your Life

What Does It Mean to Believe in God's Word?

Believing in God's Word means more than accepting the Bible as a historical or religious book. It means trusting that it is the **final authority** on truth, morality, salvation, and how we live. As Christians, we believe the Bible is **inerrant and infallible**—it is entirely true and trustworthy in all it teaches, because it is God-breathed (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Believing in God's Word involves aligning your life with its teachings—even when they challenge your opinions, desires, or what culture tells you is acceptable. It's the decision to let **God define what is right**, rather than relying on the world or your feelings.

“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.” – John 17:17

Reflection Questions:

- How does it feel to think of the Bible as the **final authority** for your life?
- Have there been times when your personal beliefs conflicted with what the Bible says? How did you respond?
- What does it look like to truly **believe** in God's Word, not just read it?

The Power of Scripture

The Bible isn't just inspiring—it's **transformational**. Hebrews 4:12 describes it as “living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword.” That means it can convict your heart, encourage your spirit, and change your thinking. Many people find that Scripture meets them exactly where they are—offering peace in grief, direction in confusion, and strength in weakness.

Throughout history, God has used His Word to transform lives. From the early church to modern-day testimonies, Scripture has been the tool God uses to draw people to Himself.

“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.” – Isaiah 40:8

Reflection Questions:

- Have you ever experienced transformation through reading Scripture? Can you describe a specific moment?
- How does the power of God's Word help you in times of doubt or struggle?
- In what ways do you see the Bible speaking directly to your current situation?

Studying God's Word

Reading the Bible is important—but **studying it** takes your understanding deeper. Studying involves asking questions, looking at context, and sometimes comparing passages.

A few basic study tools include:

- **Inductive Bible Study** (observe, interpret, apply)
- **Cross-referencing** Scriptures
- Using a **study Bible** or concordance to understand background and word meanings

Always begin your study with prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you understand and apply what you're reading.

Reflection Questions:

- How do you currently approach Bible study? Do you feel confident, or do you sometimes feel unsure?
- What would help you feel more confident in studying the Bible for yourself?
- What's one question about the Bible you'd like to explore further?

Applying the Bible to Your Life

God didn't give us the Bible just for information—He gave it to us for **transformation**. James 1:22 tells us not just to listen to the Word, but to **do what it says**. This means applying biblical truth to your decisions, your relationships, your attitudes, and your lifestyle.

Living by Scripture often means going against the flow of culture. In today's world, many views are celebrated that directly contradict the Bible's teaching. As Christians, we are called not to conform to the world but to be **transformed by the renewing of our minds** (Romans 12:2).

Reflection Questions:

- What's one way you can apply a specific Bible verse to your life this week?
- Are there areas of your life that you know need to change in light of Scripture?
- What's the difference between hearing God's Word and actually living it out?

Weekly Challenge:

Choose one verse that stands out to you this week and **memorize it**. Then, ask God to show you how to **apply it in a real situation**. For example, if the verse is about forgiveness, choose to forgive someone you've struggled with. If it's about courage, take a bold step in obedience to God.

Keep a journal entry about how this verse impacted your thoughts or actions.

Application:

- **Daily Practice:** Take 15 minutes every day this week to read a passage of Scripture slowly and reflectively.
- **Prayer Prompt:** Ask God, "What are You saying to me through this passage?" and "How should I respond?"
- **Action Step:** Share what you're learning with a friend, small group, or spiritual mentor. Speaking it out can help make it real in your life.

Closing Thoughts for the Week:

You don't need to be a scholar to study the Bible effectively. God gave His Word to be understood by everyday people—just like you. As you continue to read and apply the Bible, you will begin to **see life differently**, develop deeper convictions, and grow in spiritual maturity.

Remember, God's Word is your guide, your sword, and your strength. Keep seeking Him in it, and He will meet you every time.

WEEK 3: The Life of Jesus – Who He Was and What He Came to Do

Who Is Jesus?

Jesus Christ is the **Son of God**, co-eternal and co-equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit. He entered the world as a human being—fully God and fully man—to redeem humanity from sin. His birth, life, death, and resurrection form the center of the Christian faith.

We believe that Jesus is the **only way to God** (John 14:6). He was not merely a good teacher, prophet, or moral example—He is the Savior and Lord. His virgin birth, sinless life, substitutionary death, and bodily resurrection all testify to His divine identity and mission.

Other religions often speak positively about Jesus:

- **Islam** considers Him a prophet, but not divine.
 - **Hinduism** may see Him as a holy man or enlightened teacher.
 - **Buddhism** often respects His teachings on compassion.
- However, none of these views accept Jesus as **God in the flesh**, which is central to the Christian faith.

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.” – John 1:14

Reflection Questions:

- Who do you believe Jesus is, and why does that matter?
- How does understanding Jesus as both fully God and fully man affect the way you pray to Him or relate to Him?
- Why is it important that Jesus is more than just a moral teacher or prophet?

Why Did Jesus Come?

Jesus came to offer **eternal life** through His death and resurrection. His mission was not only to teach or perform miracles but to be the **sacrifice for sin**, making it possible for humanity to be reconciled to God.

Faith emphasizes that salvation is by **grace through faith** in Christ alone—not by works (Ephesians 2:8-9). Jesus lived a perfect life and took the penalty for our sins on the cross. Without Him, we remain separated from God.

His resurrection proved His victory over sin and death and confirmed that eternal life is available to anyone who trusts in Him.

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” – Luke 19:10

Reflection Questions:

- Why is it significant that Jesus died for your sins personally?
- What does eternal life mean to you? Is it something that begins now, or something only in the future?
- How does Jesus' mission influence how you see yourself and others?

The Teachings of Jesus

Jesus taught with authority about the **Kingdom of God**, calling people to repentance, faith, love, and obedience. His teachings were radical—He told us to love our enemies, forgive endlessly, and give sacrificially. His parables revealed spiritual truths in everyday language.

As followers of Jesus, we are not just called to admire His teachings but to **live them out**. His words are not optional suggestions—they are commands for a new way of life.

“Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching.” – John 14:23

Jesus' teachings sometimes challenge the values of modern culture, including ideas about truth, sexuality, power, and justice. As believers, we are called to uphold His truth with **grace and courage**, even when it's unpopular.

Reflection Questions:

- Which of Jesus' teachings has most challenged you? Why?
- In what areas of your life are you struggling to obey Jesus' words?
- What would it look like to truly live according to the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7)?

Weekly Challenge:

This week, choose one Gospel (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John) and read a portion each day. Write down a specific teaching or moment from Jesus' life that speaks to you. Then, choose **one way to imitate Jesus** this week—whether in kindness, courage, forgiveness, or truth.

Example: If Jesus showed compassion to the outcast, look for someone who feels left out and include them.

Application:

- **Daily Practice:** Spend time each day reading about Jesus and asking: “*What does this show me about who He is? How can I follow Him today?*”
- **Prayer Focus:** Ask Jesus to reveal more of Himself to you. Thank Him for His sacrifice and invite Him to shape your heart to be more like His.
- **Action Step:** Share one of Jesus’ teachings with someone else—either in a conversation, a text, or on social media—and briefly explain why it’s meaningful to you.

Closing Thoughts for the Week:

Getting to know Jesus is the heart of the Christian life. He’s not distant or unknowable—He came to live among us and make God’s love visible. As you grow in relationship with Him, you’ll begin to understand your purpose, your value, and the kind of life God calls you to live.

Keep seeking Him, keep reading about Him, and keep following Him—because knowing Jesus changes everything.

WEEK 4: The Holy Spirit and His Role in Our Lives

Who Is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the **third Person of the Trinity**—fully God, co-equal with the Father and the Son. He is not a force or influence, but a divine person who **lives within every believer** from the moment of salvation (Romans 8:9). We emphasize that the Holy Spirit's presence is essential for Christian growth and godly living.

Jesus promised that after His resurrection, the Holy Spirit would come to dwell within His followers, empowering them to live transformed lives (John 14:16–17). The Holy Spirit brings conviction of sin, assurance of salvation, guidance into truth, and the power to live in obedience to God.

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth.” – John 14:16–17

Reflection Questions:

- When you think of the Holy Spirit, what comes to mind? Have you experienced His presence before?
- How does it affect your relationship with God to know that His Spirit lives inside of you?
- In what ways do you sense the Holy Spirit leading you right now?

The Holy Spirit's Role in the Life of a Believer

The Holy Spirit is constantly at work in a believer's life. Here are just a few of His roles:

- **Conviction of sin** (John 16:8)
- **Guiding us into truth** (John 16:13)
- **Empowering us to obey God's Word** (Acts 1:8)
- **Producing spiritual fruit** in us (Galatians 5:22–23)
- **Comforting and strengthening us** (Romans 15:13)

The Spirit doesn't just help you feel God's presence—He **shapes your character**, strengthens your resolve, and equips you to live a holy life.

“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” – Galatians 5:25

Reflection Questions:

- How have you experienced the Holy Spirit's work in your life—either through conviction, comfort, or guidance?
- What specific areas in your life need more of the Spirit's help right now?
- How do you respond when the Spirit convicts you of something?

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

We understand the **baptism of the Holy Spirit** as something that happens at the **moment of salvation**—when you put your faith in Christ, the Holy Spirit comes to live in you (1 Corinthians 12:13).

The Bible also speaks of being continually “**filled with the Spirit**” (Ephesians 5:18), which means living in **daily surrender**, obedience, and spiritual awareness.

We should regularly ask God to **fill us afresh**, empowering us to walk in holiness and boldness.

“Do not get drunk on wine... Instead, be filled with the Spirit.” – Ephesians 5:18

Reflection Questions:

- Do you think of the Holy Spirit as someone you need to rely on daily? Why or why not?
- What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit, and how do you pursue that daily?
- Are there any areas of life where you're resisting the Spirit's control?

The Gifts of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to every believer—**not for personal glory**, but to serve others and build up the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:4–7). These gifts include teaching, encouragement, leadership, mercy, and more. Every believer has at least one spiritual gift, and discovering and using it is part of living out your faith.

“Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.” – 1 Corinthians 12:7

Reflection Questions:

- What do you think your spiritual gifts might be?
- How can you begin to use those gifts to serve your church, family, or community?
- How does it feel to know that God has uniquely gifted you for a purpose?

Weekly Challenge:

This week, pray daily asking the Holy Spirit to **fill you and guide you**. Ask God to reveal your spiritual gifts and give you opportunities to **use them in service to others**. Try serving someone this week—whether by encouragement, practical help, prayer, or giving.

Keep a journal entry about what you noticed. How did the Spirit lead you? What happened as a result?

Application:

- **Daily Practice:** Begin each day with a simple prayer: *“Holy Spirit, fill me. Guide my thoughts, words, and actions today.”*
- **Scripture Focus:** Read Galatians 5:22–23 and reflect on the fruit of the Spirit. Which of these qualities is God developing in you?
- **Action Step:** Ask a trusted Christian friend or pastor what gifts they see in you, and consider ways you can begin using them within your church or community.

Closing Thoughts for the Week:

The Christian life is **not meant to be lived in your own strength**. God gave you the Holy Spirit so that you could experience His presence, walk in His power, and fulfill His purposes. The more you surrender to His leading, the more you will experience the joy and freedom of life in Christ.

Let the Holy Spirit be your counselor, comforter, and strength as you grow in faith.

WEEK 5: Living Out the Christian Life in Community

The Importance of Christian Community

God never intended for the Christian life to be lived alone. From the beginning, He created us for **relationship—with Him and with each other**. When you become a follower of Jesus, you become part of a much larger family: the **body of Christ**, which includes every believer, across every generation and nation.

Christians emphasize the importance of connecting to a **local church**—a specific, visible congregation where you can **worship, learn, grow, serve, and be held accountable**.

There's also the **universal church**, which includes all believers across time and geography. But spiritual growth happens most effectively in community—with people you see, know, and walk alongside regularly.

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds... not giving up meeting together.” – Hebrews 10:24–25

Reflection Questions:

- Why do you think God designed us to grow in faith through community instead of isolation?
- What benefits have you experienced (or do you hope to experience) from being part of a church or Christian group?
- What fears or challenges do you face when it comes to connecting with other believers?

The Role of the Church

The local church is more than a building or a Sunday service. It's a **spiritual family** where each member has a role. The church exists to:

- **Worship God**
- **Teach biblical truth**
- **Equip believers for ministry**
- **Serve the world in Jesus' name**
- **Offer accountability, support, and encouragement**

Every believer is encouraged to **actively participate** rather than be a passive observer.

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” – 1 Corinthians 12:27

Reflection Questions:

- What does it mean to be a **functioning part** of the body of Christ?
- How has the church (or could the church) help you grow spiritually?
- What’s one step you could take to become more involved in your church community?

Fellowship and Accountability

True Christian fellowship is more than just casual conversation. It means **sharing life together**, encouraging one another, and even lovingly challenging each other to stay on the path of truth. In a healthy community, we help each other grow and guard against spiritual drift.

Accountability is not about control or judgment—it’s about **loving correction** and support. We all need people who will remind us of God’s truth when we’re tempted to go our own way.

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” – Proverbs 27:17

Reflection Questions:

- Who are the people in your life right now who help you stay strong in your faith?
- Are you open to being held accountable? Why or why not?
- How could you begin building deeper spiritual friendships?

Serving in the Body of Christ

Every believer has been **gifted by the Holy Spirit** to serve others. These gifts aren’t for personal recognition—they’re for building up the church and advancing the mission of God.

Serving others is not optional; it’s a vital part of discipleship. Whether it’s greeting, teaching, mentoring, cleaning, giving, or helping behind the scenes, every role matters.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others.” – 1 Peter 4:10

Reflection Questions:

- What are your spiritual gifts, and how could you begin using them?
- Are there areas in your church or community where you could start serving?
- How does serving others help you grow closer to Christ?

Living Out Your Faith in the World

While Christian community is essential, we're also called to **be lights in the world**. Your workplace, neighborhood, school, and family are all places where your faith can make an impact.

Being a witness isn't just about preaching—it's about living a life of **integrity, kindness, and truth**, so that people see Jesus in you.

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5:16

Reflection Questions:

- How can you represent Jesus in your daily routines and relationships?
- What does it look like to "shine your light" in a dark or indifferent world?
- Are there areas of your life where your witness needs to be stronger?

Weekly Challenge:

This week, take **one intentional step** to build stronger Christian community. That could be:

- Visiting or committing to a local church
- Attending a small group
- Volunteering to serve
- Reaching out to a fellow believer for accountability

Also, look for **one way to live out your faith in public**—show kindness, share encouragement, or talk about what you're learning in this study.

Application:

- **Daily Practice:** Pray for your church community (or ask God to lead you to one). Ask Him to help you build stronger relationships with other believers.
- **Group Option:** If you're doing this study in a group, consider setting up weekly check-ins to share prayer requests and spiritual goals.
- **Action Step:** Write down one way you will commit to serving others this month—inside or outside the church.
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Closing Thoughts for the Week:

You were never meant to follow Jesus alone. The church is not perfect—but it is God’s chosen vessel for nurturing your faith and carrying out His mission on earth. Invest in your Christian community. Seek accountability. Use your gifts. And remember: you’re not just saved from sin—you’re saved **into a family**.

WEEK 6: Living the Christian Mission in the World

Understanding the Great Commission

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He gave His disciples a final command—what we now call the **Great Commission**:

“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” – Matthew 28:19–20

We take this command seriously. Evangelism is not reserved for pastors or missionaries—it’s the **responsibility of every believer**. We are all called to share the gospel and help others grow in faith. This mission is not optional. It is central to what it means to follow Jesus.

We don’t have to go overseas to obey the Great Commission. Often, the mission begins right where you are—**in your home, neighborhood, or workplace**.

Reflection Questions:

- What does the Great Commission mean to you personally?
- Do you view your everyday life as part of God's mission?
- How would your priorities shift if you lived with a “mission mindset”?

Sharing the Gospel: What It Means and Why It Matters

The gospel is the **good news** that Jesus Christ died for our sins and rose again, offering eternal life to all who believe. Sharing the gospel means telling people this truth—clearly, lovingly, and without shame.

“I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.” – Romans 1:16

As Christians, we believe salvation comes **by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone**. Other faiths may promote good works, meditation, or moral living as the path to salvation—but Scripture is clear that only through Christ can anyone be saved (Acts 4:12).

We are not called to argue people into belief, but to **boldly proclaim** the truth and trust the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts.

Reflection Questions:

- How confident do you feel sharing your faith? What makes it hard?
- What's one person in your life who needs to hear the gospel?
- How can you start a spiritual conversation without being pushy?

Living as a Witness for Christ

You may be the only Bible some people ever read. Your actions, your attitude, your words—all reflect your faith. **Being a witness** isn't just about evangelizing; it's about living in a way that **shows the reality of Jesus** in your life.

*“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.” –
Philippians 1:27*

When others see you forgive, serve selflessly, speak truth kindly, and live with integrity, they become curious. Your consistent witness can prepare hearts to receive the message of salvation.

Reflection Questions:

- Where are you already living as a witness—and where could you grow?
- What do people see in your life that reflects (or doesn't reflect) Jesus?
- How can your everyday actions help build bridges to gospel conversations?

Serving the World: Compassion and Action

Jesus didn't just preach—He **healed, fed, and loved** people in practical ways. Following His example, we are called to serve those in need with genuine compassion. This includes helping the poor, comforting the hurting, and advocating for justice—**not instead of the gospel, but because of it.**

*“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” –
Matthew 25:40*

Service is a powerful witness. When people see Christians meeting needs without expecting anything in return, it opens hearts to the message of Christ.

Reflection Questions:

- Who in your community is hurting or in need? How could you serve them?
- What local or global needs break your heart—and how might God use you?
- How does your service reflect the heart of Jesus?

Being Bold in Your Faith

In a world increasingly hostile to biblical truth, boldness is more necessary than ever. But boldness doesn't mean arrogance—it means **confidence in the gospel**, even when it's unpopular. It's being willing to speak truth in love, to stand firm, and to live without compromise.

“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.” – 1 Corinthians 16:13

As Christians, we value religious liberty and freedom of conscience—but we also recognize that being faithful to Christ may cost us social approval, friendships, or even opportunities. Yet Jesus is worth it.

Reflection Questions:

- What does “bold faith” mean to you in your current setting?
- Are there areas where you've been silent or hesitant about your faith?
- How can you grow in courage without becoming combative or prideful?

Weekly Challenge:

This week, make a specific plan to share the gospel. That could include:

- Having a spiritual conversation with a friend or family member
- Inviting someone to church or your small group
- Writing out your testimony and sharing it with someone
- Posting a Bible verse or story on social media

Also, look for **one way to serve someone in need**—a neighbor, coworker, or even a stranger.

Application:

- **Daily Practice:** Ask God each morning, *“Who can I encourage today? How can I be a light in this place?”*
- **Prayer Focus:** Pray for boldness, wisdom, and compassion. Ask God to open doors and soften hearts.
- **Action Step:** Identify one person in your life who needs to know Christ, and begin praying daily for their salvation. Then take the first step to engage them in love.

Closing Thoughts for the Week:

Your faith is not just about your salvation—it’s about **your mission**. You are Christ’s ambassador, called to carry His light into the world. Wherever you go, you have opportunities to point others to Him—not just with your words, but with your life.

You may feel small or unprepared, but God delights in using ordinary people to accomplish eternal things. Be faithful. Be bold. Be filled with love. You are on mission—with Jesus, for Jesus, and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Final Encouragement

The Christian life isn’t always easy—but it is joyful, hopeful, and eternally significant. You have the Holy Spirit living in you, the Word of God as your guide, the church as your family, and Jesus Christ as your Savior.

Don’t stop here. This is only the beginning of a lifelong walk with God. Press on, stay faithful, and never stop growing.