

Walking In The Spirit

___ Confess, Repent, Learn, Adjust

Weekly POWER Passage (Write out each day)

Read Luke 9:1-62 ...Listen and Apply

___ Most of chapter 9 is found in both the Gospels of Matthew and Mark. It seems God must have felt like this was important for us to read several times. In V3-5, **Jesus** tells his disciples to **take nothing** for the their trip to minister. What would you be feeling if He told you to do this on a trip you're going to go on!? Think about it?

___ Sometimes, God will put us into a position where we have to fully depend on HIM with none of our own resources to rely on. Is there a **hard place** HE has you in right now; a difficult relationship you have to deal with; physical issues that you're not able to overcome; or possibly a financial hardship? What is it? Then, ask yourself what could God be trying to teach me or what type of work is HE doing in me or those around me through these events?

___ Jesus tried to get away with HIS disciples after their travels to a place that they could have some alone time but large crowds found Him in V10-11! How do you see these **interruptions of your plans** and expectations by people? Do you see them as nuisances or as the very purpose of your life? Explain.

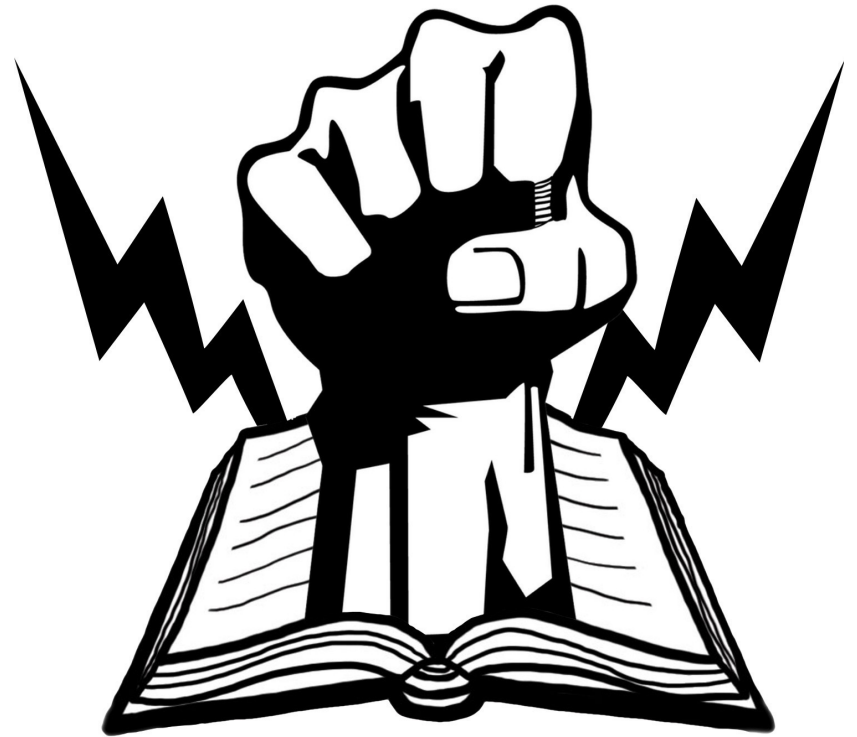
___ Read V46-48. It's a little nice to see the Apostles' humanness arguing about who is going to be **the greatest**. Summarize what Jesus is trying to teach the disciples on how to be the greatest here on earth? Do you think there was a reason that JESUS used a **child** who is helpless and unable to repay anyone for their help and service to them? How does this apply to you?

___ How are we supposed to respond **when people offend or hurt** us according to Romans 12:19 and V53-55 of today's reading? How do you typically respond?

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

___ Francis Chan once said, "Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter!" Think about it! Today's devo is a lot about relationships and ministering to people. What really matters is our relationships with people and if they become more like Christ after hanging around us. How we love can make the difference of how fulfilling and joyful our life is. If you have time today read 1Corinthians 13:1-3, and ask yourself, do I really have a LOVE that changes people for the better!? Would people say about you, "Man, he is one of the most LOVING people I know?" Seek God on this today?

Be Still, Reflect, Listen - 5 minutes with God



THE WORD

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WEEK ONE- LUKE

Day #1

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Weekly POWER Passage (Write out each day)

___ Luke 9:23 Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, he must **deny himself** and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Read Luke 1:1-80.....Listen and Apply

___ The Gospel of Luke was written by Luke to Theophilus (means one who loves God), to Gentiles, and people everywhere from Rome. Luke was a doctor and Greek which made him a man of detail. He is the only Gentile author in the New Testament. He gives the most detailed account of the birth of Jesus of any of the Gospels. Luke was written about 30 years after Jesus' death and was written from eyewitness acts of Jesus' life. Much of Luke's writings probably come from Paul because Luke was a close traveling companion of Pauls. This is the most comprehensive Gospel and most of LUKE 9:51-18:35 are not found in any other gospel. Luke wrote a sequel called "Acts" to share the history of the early church after Jesus' resurrection. Luke's main goal was to give an accurate account of the life of the **perfect MAN and SAVIOR GOD, JESUS!**

___ Write out V37. Possibly one of the most important scriptures in the Bible!

___ Write out in your own words the definition of "**nothing**".

___ Write out the dictionary definition of "**impossible**".

___ Write out anything that comes to mind that you would love to see God do in your life and those around you.

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

___ Zechariah and Mary both encountered Gabriel, an angel, who told them some pretty incredible stuff was going to happen to them in their lives over the next "9" months or so. This required a lot of trust! Game reminded Mary that nothing was impossible with GOD! How about you? Can you trust God to do the impossible in your life or do you believe your situation is just too impossible for God to fix. Maybe you believe HE can do it but HE probably won't do it for you?! Read Mark 9:23-24 and pray out loud, confess your unbelief, then ask for help to overcome your UNBELIEF!

>>>>>> ASK! TRUST! BELIEVE! <<<<<<<

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Weekly POWER Passage (Write out each day)

Read Luke 8:1-56.....Listen and Apply

___ Chapter 8 is a typical chapter in the Gospels with parables, healings of people who had been sick for years, demons being cast out, and the storms of life attacking Jesus and the disciples. Chapter 8 starts out with a group of women He had served and healed. They are now financially supporting Jesus and the disciples in their travels and taking care of their needs. Do you think any of these women were a temptation for Him or His disciples as they traveled with them? Why?

___ In the parable of the "4" soils, the Seed = The Word of God, and the Seed that lands in different places = different types of people. Listed below are the the 4 different types of soils of the heart in V11-15. Write out what happens to the seed that's sown in each type of soil and what is the effect on their lives?

>>> The Path -

>>> The Rocks -

>>> The Thorns -

>>> The Good Soil -

There is a big theological debate about which of these 4 types of people are saved and which are not. What do you think?

___ Which type of "**soil**" best describes you? Which type of **soil** do you want to be? What do you need to do to change the **soils** of your heart if need be?

___ Who did Jesus say were HIS PEOPLE in V21?

___ Write out the definition of **PRACTICE** -

___ Men often think they will simply hide their sexual sin. How does V17 affect this type of thinking? How will it change how you live?

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

___ We see **2 different principles** at work in this chapter today. In V21, we are told to do something very practical, **practice** obeying the Word of GOD. In V48, we see it was simply "**faith**" in Jesus that healed the woman who had been bleeding for 12 years! The author of James said, "I will show you my faith by what I do!" The woman who was healed did this. She reached out in faith and touched HIS garment. BOOM! HEALED! God wants us to put HIS Word into practice, not because we should, but because we trust HIM that HE Knows what's best for us. If we believe He loves us and knows best, WHY WOULDN'T WE PUT IT INTO PRACTICE?!

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Day #5

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Weekly POWER Passage (Write out each day)

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Read Luke 7:1-50..... Listen and Apply

_ This is your day to create your own devo. Read, and ask God what He wants you to emphasize and challenge yourself and others with today? Sit **still and listen** to His directions as you glance through the text of today's passages. Have fun!

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Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

_ Write out one of the above. **Listen to God**. This is the most important part of this weekly exercise is to practice **listening** to HIS voice.....**Listen**.....**Listen**.....Listen.....

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Day #2

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Read Luke 2-4:13.... Listen and Apply

_ What did Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Daniel, Mary, Shepherds, Peter, Paul, and John all have in common? For a clue read V2:10.

_ **Angels** are powerful beings created by God. When they appear to people on earth, we often see humans diving to the ground in fear. We don't see angels appear often today, but people back then really didn't see them appear that often, either. What were the Shepherds' responses to seeing these Angels and the baby Jesus? (V2:17&20)

_ Write down how you would have responded if you were in the Shepherds' shoes and **encountered the angels** and the Messiah in this way? Try to imagine!

_ Imagine being Simeon V2:26 and Anna V2:37. They both were probably over 80 yrs old, and still, the main focus of their lives was waiting for the coming of **the Messiah**. Through possibly their 50's, then 60's, then 70's, then 80's, they never wavered, (that we know of.) Or, how about Anna who never left the temple. What would you be thinking over the years if you were them? What can you learn from them?

_ What did John mean when he said, "Produce fruit in keeping with **repentance**" in V3:8? How can you do this yourself in the next year to come?

_ What **strategies** do you need to implement in life going forward based on V4:13. How long should you practice these **strategies**?

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

_ Let's pray! Lord, I want to have the courage of 'John the Baptist' to stand up for my faith. I want to have the strength and wisdom of 'Jesus' when He stood against the temptations of the Devil and did not fall. And, I want to have the determination to continue on year after year in reverence and humility before you as 'Simeon an Anna' did! Yet LORD, I know you have called me with my own special qualities, giftings, and talents to serve you and others uniquely. I want YOU to be my one preoccupation, my one obsession! I surrender my life and give it all to you now! Amen!

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Day #3

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Weekly POWER Passage (Write out each day)

Read Luke 4:14-5:39.....Listen and Apply

___ In yesterday's reading 4:1, it says Jesus was affected in a couple of different ways by the **HOLY SPIRIT**. Write out what they were.

___ What happened to Jesus when He was following the **HOLY SPIRIT** in V1? Do you believe that when you led by the **SPIRIT** that it's always going to be "beside still quiet waters"? Was Jesus having a low or high point of His life right before his desert time?(3:21&22) What can you learn from Jesus' experiences in 4:1-13?

___ We see Jesus make it a "custom" of HIS to go to church (synagogue) every week in 4:16 as an example to follow of the importance of corporate worship. But one day, Jesus reads about an 800yr old prophetic Messianic message from scripture in V21 and states that HE is the fulfillment of the verses and basically, that HE is God, the Messiah! Write down a few "**memories** of the moment" when you realized that you personally accepted Jesus as Messiah and how that changed you and how you live?

___ In 4:28-30, how could Jesus possibly just walk through a large crowd who was trying to throw HIM off a cliff!? Will God do this type of thing for you?

___ Read 4:43. We see Jesus state one of the main purposes that His Father sent HIM to the earth. The bigger question is why were you sent, what is **your purpose**, and why did God send you?

___ Why would Jesus need to get away by Himself often as described in 5:16? Are you putting into practice what Jesus did in order to stay connected to HIS Father?

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

___ Charles Spurgeon once said, "I would rather teach '1' man to pray than '10' men to preach. Allen Vartlett said, "Seven days without prayer makes one weak!" Prayer is possibly the most important part of your walk with Christ. Why? Because, it **demonstrates** that you actually believe there is a GOD, that He hears you, and you're seeking a relationship with HIM. People who pray believe prayer changes life... **PRAY!**

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Day #4

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Weekly POWER Passage (Write out each day)

Read Luke 6:1-49.....Listen and Apply

___ The Pharisees were always looking for what Jesus was doing wrong, like in V2. They had a **critical spirit** towards Him because of their pride and they feared that people would ultimately like Him and follow after Him instead of them. Check yourself today and see if you are always catching what everyone does **wrong** more than what they do **right**? Your wife? Kids? Relatives? Co-workers? Other Christians? Relatives?

___ Again, we see in V12, God choose to emphasize **PRAYER**. What do you think Jesus spent the night praying about? Put in writing a commitment you would like to make to GOD right now about seeking Him in prayer before you make large and small decisions in your life. If married, how do you intend to include your wife in this!? (This should be a **normal part** of Christian life and marriage)

___ What does it say you are and what do you receive, in V22&23, when you are insulted by people, and hated, excluded, and rejected because you take a stand for the name of Jesus? What should **your attitude** be when people treat you like this? Why?

___ Summarize V32&33 in your own words. (write it down) How does this speak to how your living life right now? What does V35 say you will receive for living like this? Why else should we practice this kind of "love" according to V36?

___ Summarize what V37&38 teaches you about **forgiveness**?

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

___ This chapter hits on a lot of our "**attitudes of the heart**". When hurt, how do we love, how do we forgive, how do we judge, and how do we condemn! Typically, if we are honest, our responses are opposite of how GOD is teaching us here to respond. Ask yourself today, "Am I a HYPOCRITE?" Do people see good fruit growing on my tree? Am I digging down to lay my foundation on the ROCK or am I building in sand without a foundation with an attitude of "I'M going to live life my way"?! Realize some of these "Attitudes of your heart" that don't line up with GOD'S way of life can be what's triggering your sexual sin. Get real and search your heart now. Be still...

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__ Luke 10:27

Read Luke 16...Listen and Apply

__ This is an interesting chapter. It starts with the parable of the shrewd manager, which appears to glorify deception. Actually, the point of the parable is that we need to be as **shrewd as people of the world**, but as **innocent as the Holy Spirit** (Matthew 10:16). God wants us to make wise worldly decisions but stay pure in our thoughts and actions. That parable also teaches that God has trusted us with His Kingdom and we must handle it well. We can't serve both the world (Satan) and God. The last part shows that worldly riches will not get you into heaven, rather it's about **dying to self** and completely **submitting yourself to Christ**, as your Savior and Lord.

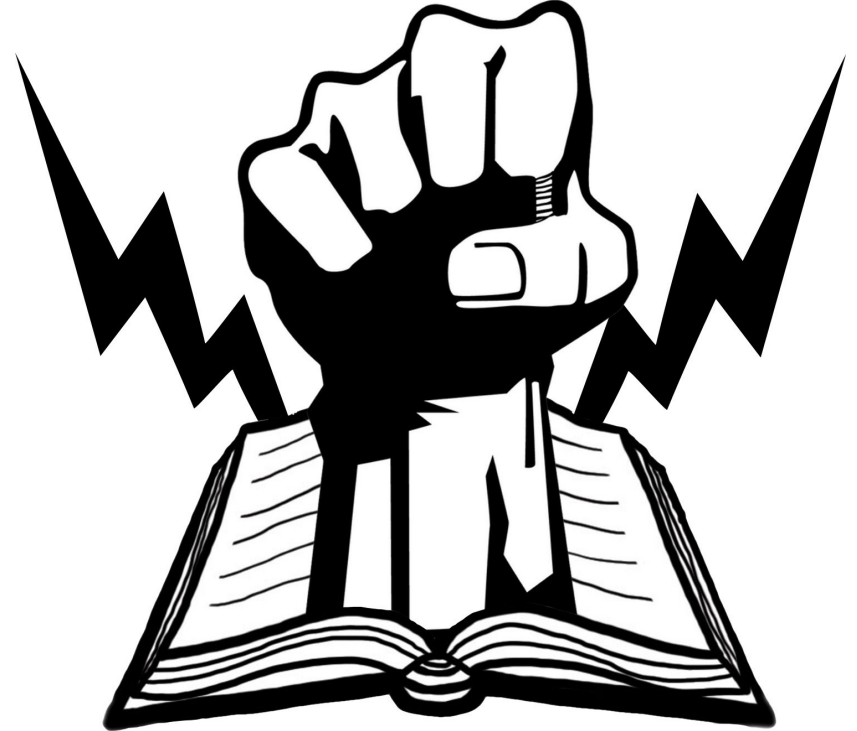
__ Read the parable of the shrewd manager and list the **qualities** (wasting resources, laziness, good relationships, creativity, etc.) you see that would apply to you?

__ V13 says you can't serve **God and money**. What does this verse say will happen if you try to serve both? What do you think will happen if you try to serve PORN and GOD? What are some ways you have been serving money, as your god?

__ Many people think that the parable of the **rich man and Lazarus** (not the same one that Jesus raised from the dead) shows that God doesn't want us to be rich. If that were the case, then Abraham, David, and Solomon would not have been rich. The point to see in this parable is that the rich man was not rich toward God or his fellow man. What are some ways you are rich and could be richer toward God and people?

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

__ Pray: God, our world is so focused on money and materialism. **Help me** to live in the world, but not be of the world. Help me to not conform to the ways of the world. Help me to keep you as my God and not money. Help me to spend more time pursuing you than money. Amen.

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WEEK TWO - LUKE

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_ Luke 10:27

Read Luke 14 ... Listen and Apply

_ Jesus gave up the glories of heaven and set aside His godly attributes, in order to take on a limited flesh body. In this chapter, Jesus tells several parables about being subservient to and serving others. There is always a **cost to serving** (being a disciple), but the **rewards are great!**

_ In V7-14 Jesus talks about what **pride** does – it makes you always want to be first, best, and honored. **Pride** is one of the strong roots for sexual sin. Ask God to reveal some prideful attitudes you need to deal with and list them here:

_ One day soon, there will be a **great feast in heaven**. It's called the marriage supper of the Lamb and all believers will be there as HIS bride. In V15-23, Jesus gives us a sneak peek into this banquet. God invites everyone on earth to the banquet, but some will choose to not accept Jesus as their bridegroom and will miss out on the feast. When you walk up to the door to the feast, what will you be thinking and what will you say to the master of the house?

_ In V25-34, Jesus outlines the **cost of being a disciple** (Jesus follower). The **costs** of being a true disciple of Jesus are great, but the "rewards are even better." Make a list of the costs here:

Make a list of some of the **rewards** here:

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

_ Your challenge today is to seek God for selfishness and pride issues that are the roots for your sexual sin. Get quiet with the Lord and **ask Him to reveal** those. Write them on a pad and then share them with your accountability partners. Ask them to hold you accountable to digging those roots out of your life, so you can finally enjoy long-term freedom from sexual sin. Do it now!

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Weekly POWER Passage (Write out each day)

_ Luke 10:27

Read Luke 11... Listen and Apply

_ Luke 11 introduces a number of important topics. First, **prayer**. Jesus teaches the disciples and all believers how to pray. Not an exact prayer to be repeated over and over, but rather a structure to use in prayer – Reverence for God, the Father. Pray as if God's Kingdom is here on earth. Pray for provision. Forgive. Stay away from temptation. Continuously pray. God loves to give His kids good gifts. Kingdoms that are divided will not prevail. Just as Jonah was in the belly of a fish for 3 days, Jesus would be in the belly of the earth for 3 days. The eye determines if your life is full of light or darkness. Religion and works is not the way; Jesus is the way.

_ In V1-4, Jesus' disciples asked Him to teach them to **pray** and He teaches them what has become known as the Lord's Prayer or Our Father for Christians. Using the structure mentioned above, write a prayer to God for your **complete deliverance or continued** freedom from sexual sin.

_ V33-36 talk about light. In the beginning, God spoke light (His glory) onto the earth. Adam and Eve walked in that glory until they sinned. Jesus said that He was the light. So, when you look at pornography or women in an inappropriate way, are you bringing light or **darkness into your eye**? How do you **bring light into your eye**?

_ In V37-54, Jesus is teaching that it's not about religion, knowledge, and works; it's about a relationship with Jesus. Describe your relationship with Jesus and then decide if you are more of a disciple or a **Pharisee** and why?

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

_ Pray: Father in heaven, be glorified in my life. Thank you for giving me every spiritual blessing I need for this life. I forgive those who have sinned against me, as you have forgiven me. Keep me from temptation and lead me down a road of holiness. In Jesus' name. Amen

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_ Luke 10:27

Read Luke 12....Listen and Apply

_ Luke 12 is another chapter that is packed with life changing concepts. There are warnings and encouragement; a message about materialism; how to handle worry, what we are to do in preparation for Jesus's return; what our family life will look like in these end times and how to interpret the times we are in. Powerful stuff! Carefully read the chapter and **take notes** of what God speaks to you about your life.

_ In V1-11, Jesus is talking about the **hypocrisy** of the religious leaders. Read through these verses and then ask God what hypocrisy is in your life?

_ V22-32 talk about **worry**. What are some things you **worry** about? According to previous verses, what should you be doing instead of **worrying**? (V30&31)

_ **Jesus could return** at any moment. V35-48 talk about this. Read them and then describe what you need to change in your life in order to be ready for Jesus' return.

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

_ As a Christian all your sexual sin (past, present, and future) was forgiven on the cross and God is now only seeing the Jesus in you. That said, **your sexual sin does affect** how you feel about God and how you interact with Him. At times you may even worry that you aren't saved or that you can lose your salvation (both of which are **lies** from the enemy). You may worry that you will never get free (another **lie** from the devil). Knowing that you are completely forgiven, spend time today **thanking** your loving Father, Jesus your Savior and Lord, and the Holy Spirit, who lives in you!

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Day #4

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Walking on The Spirit

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Weekly POWER Passage (Write out each day)

_ Luke 10:27

Read Luke 13....Listen and Apply

_ Jesus starts this chapter with a **lesson on repentance**. This can be a confusing subject. First, we aren't to compare ourselves to others, only to Jesus. God has given us the ability to turn from sin and toward God. The rest of the chapter is based on this concept of **repentance**. It's not about being sorry for your sin; it's about making a change in your life so that you don't sin in that area anymore. In the area of sexual sin, it means turning from the pornography, lustful thoughts, prostitutes, affairs, massage parlors, strip clubs, etc. and turning your eyes and thoughts to God.

_ V1-8 give the impression there is a time limit for **salvation**. If you don't show fruit, you are pulled from the ground. That's a misinterpretation of the scripture. If someone has a "true heart salvation" and are repentant in sin, and are showing the fruit of repentance they won't be pulled up. Have you had a **true heart salvation** and are repentant when you sin? If not, seek the Lord for true salvation. Write out why you believe you are **surely saved**?

_ In V18-20, Jesus teaches about the **Kingdom of God** on earth and in our hearts. It starts small and grows **BIG**. Describe what has happened in your spiritual life through the years and how God has grown it. Focus on what God has done, not your sin.

_ Jesus was dealing with a lot of people who were not really saved. They did not fully believe in Jesus as the way. They had one foot in the world and one foot in religion (the law). In V22-30, Jesus talks about the narrow road; the road of salvation. This road isn't hard (because it's a free gift; you don't have to work for it), rather few people chose this road, because it seems like it would be hard! Make a list of those you know who are on the **wide road** to hell? What could you do to bring them to the **narrow road**?

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

_ Pray, Jesus guide me down the narrow road and keep me from temptation. Amen! Reflect on how God wants to use you to bring men on to this narrow road. Nothing in all of life brings such satisfaction.

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Day #1

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☐ Confess, Repent, Learn, Adjust

Weekly POWER Passage (Write out each day)

☐ Luke 10:27, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself."

Read Luke 10....Listen and Apply

☐ In Luke 10, we find that Jesus sent 72 of his followers ahead of Him into the towns He was about to visit. They were to share the good news that the "Kingdom of God was near", meaning that the Savior/Messiah had arrived and salvation was available.

☐ In verse 2, Jesus told the 72, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Who are the workers and what is the harvest field? How do you fit into that picture?

☐ In verses 25-37, Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan. Describe a time when you could see someone needed help, but you just walked (or drove) by or ignored the situation?

☐ Who, in your life, could use a good Samaritan? How could you help?

☐ In verses 38-41, Jesus is at the home of Mary and Martha. Martha was rushing around preparing a meal for Jesus and the disciples, while Mary was sitting at Jesus' feet listening intently to His stories. Jesus said that Mary had "chosen what is better." What did He mean by that? How could you be more like Mary and less like Martha?

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

☐ There is a strong lesson to be learned in Luke 10. We see it voiced by Jesus twice. First in verse 20 and then again in 42. So often we think the Christian life is all about doing things for God. Yet, when the disciples return rejoicing at all they did and the amazing results, Jesus tells them the most important thing is their relationship with God. When Martha is reprimanding Jesus for allowing Mary to just sit there while she did all the work, Jesus reminded Martha that relationship with Him was much more important than works. Today, I challenge you to focus more time and effort on **developing a relationship** with God rather than **just doing things for Him**.

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Day #6

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☐ Luke 10:27

Read Luke 15....Listen and Apply

☐ Chapter 15 is all about **God's love for the lost** - the one lost sheep, coin, and son. You were once lost, but God found and saved you. Read this chapter with thoughts of those in your life who are still lost. Pray for them and seek God for how He can use you to be a part of bringing those lost sheep into the flock.

This is your day to create your own devotional. Have fun and make sure you not only create it, but do it also.

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Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

☐ Seek God to give you a prayer, famous quote that relates to the topics in Luke 15, a challenge in your own life, or a purity principle that you and others could use.

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Read Luke 24:1-53...Listen and Apply

__ Today's reading is what makes our faith different from all others! Our God sent His son in human form to live, die, and be resurrected before the eyes of mankind! According to scripture, Jesus appears after HIS burial "12 different times" to different groups of people ranging from 1 to 500 in size. Our God is the **GOD OF THE LIVING!**

__ List at least "3" reasons why **the resurrection** is important to you!

>>> 1.

>>> 2.

>>> 3.

__ Cleopas and his friend are walking along the road. What does Jesus ask them in V17 as He walks up to them.? This is an important part of our lives we rarely think about. How are you spending your time when your with other people? What do you discuss? List the things about your relationship with Christ you would like to discuss with your co-worker, neighbor, relative, or friend? Write next to them why you don't talk about JESUS with them NOW? Think about how you can work these into a conversation that could bring Christ GLORY? (Maybe simply ask them how you could pray for them)

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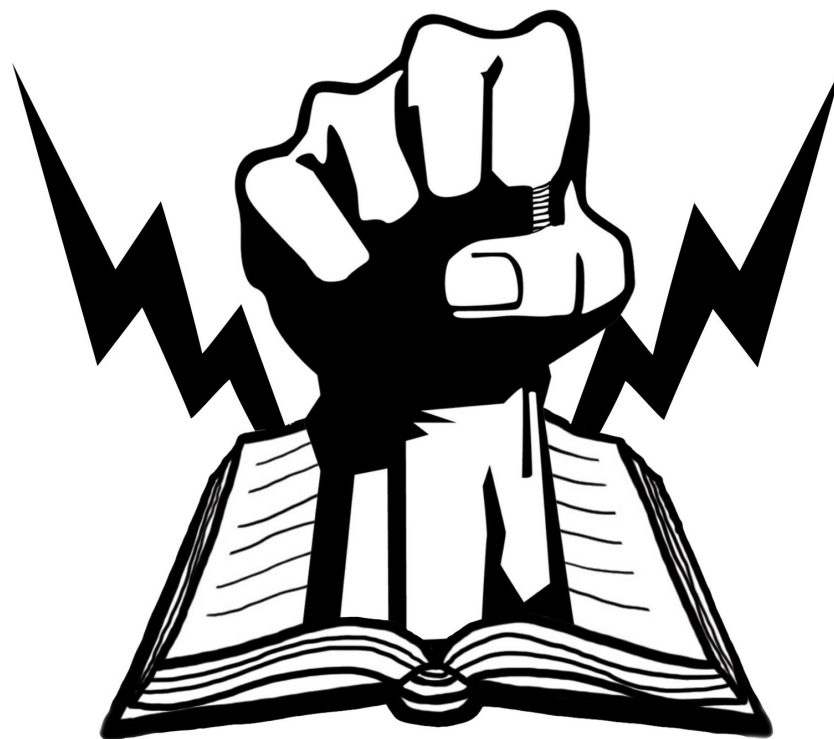
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Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

__ Here are a **few quotes** to challenge you today! Anonymous, "The most loving act you can ever do for someone is to share the Gospel with them." Another, "If you had the cure for cancer, would you share it? We have the cure for DEATH, share it!!" Billy Graham said, "One of the greatest needs in the church today is that every Christian needs to become enthusiastic about his FAITH in Jesus Christ" Margaret Wheatley said, "Be brave enough to start a conversation that matters." Bill Bright said, "Show me a person whose life is consumed with prayer and I'll show you a person **excited about Jesus** and can't help to witness about HIM!" **Why** are we afraid to share the greatest free gift ever? Are we afraid we'll offend others? Are we afraid of what people will think of us? Do we really believe that Jesus is the only way to heaven? Is it too hard and time consuming and inconvenient? Maybe we have never done it and need teaching on how to go about it? Or, maybe we are so self focused we don't really even think about it?

TIME TO GET REAL WITH YOU; WHY? **Why** is HE NOT MORE a part of YOUR CONVO? Search your heart today. "**THE OTHERS**" focused life is one of the "**Key principles**" on walking free from sexual sin!! If you're weak in this area of your life, ask God to give you strength with your gifting and personality! How can you speak into others' lives in a way that they will hunger for Jesus?! When you start this, your walk with JESUS will become **amazingly fun!!**

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WEEK THREE - LUKE

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Weekly POWER Passage (Write out each day)

__ Luke 22:39 Pray that you will not fall into temptation.

Read Luke 17:1-37.....Listen and Apply

__ In V1, we see in the NIV it says; "that **things that cause people to sin** are bound to come;" the ESV; "**Temptations** to sin are sure to come;" NASB; "**Stumbling blocks** are inevitable to come." We definitely don't want to be the one bringing these things, because that is a "WOE warning." But, the question to contemplate today is are you ready? Are you PREPARED for what life may throw at you today in the way of temptations and stumbling blocks? List 3 places, times, or situations where you are tempted and PLAN ahead of time how you will handle them **when they come!!**

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__ In three verses; V3-6, Luke hits two of the most important pillars in the Christians life: **Forgiveness and Faith!** Why is **forgiveness** so important that God says to forgive even someone who hurts you 7X's a day in V4?! Is there anyone you feel the Lord is saying you need to forgive right now? Write their name down and pray for them a **blessing!**

__ What is God teaching us about **Faith** in V5&6? What is more important, the amount of faith or the kind of faith based on these verses? Write out what it would mean to have **Faith in GOD!**

__ Sometimes, Jesus works differently than we think He would or should, like in V14. Lepers were told to go show themselves to the priests that they had been healed; yet they weren't! They had to **go in faith** that they would be healed on the way. What would you have been thinking? Is there anything in your life you are feeling God is saying that you need to "GO IN FAITH?"

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

__ Prayer Time #1: Today, read V9. Ask yourself if you ever feel spiritual pride, that you **doing God a service** for obeying HIS WORD? This may take some deep thinking!!

Prayer Time #2: Today, read V30. In today's passage of scripture, it talks 10X's about a huge event happened on a "specific day". No one really saw it coming and they weren't ready. Are you living daily **like you believe** this event talked about in V30 could happen today? Reflect on how that thinking would change **how you live today!!**

Be Still, Reflect, Listen - 5 minutes with God



Day #6

1 4

Walking In The Spirit

__ Confess, Repent, Learn, Adjust

Weekly POWER Passage (Write out each day)

__ Luke 21:15 For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.

Read Luke 23:1-56.....Listen and Apply

__ Today, Jesus stands before Pilot, the Roman governor of Judea. It's ironic that the CREATOR is on trial before HIS creation. He created Pilot! **Think about this** as you read this account of Jesus' final hours in HIS human flesh on this Friday, spring morning nearly 2000 years ago....

__ Jesus was **falsely accused** with many **lies** and **accusations**. Do you have anyone you need to forgive that has insulted you, falsely accused you, or rejected you in some way? List them and prayerfully forgive and release them now.

__ Spend a few moments reflecting on Jesus' willingness to be beaten and so disfigured beyond human likeness for sinners like you & me, the men who were beating HIM, and the men next who hung on crosses beside Him. (Isaiah 52:14) Do you have this type of love for those who hurt you? **Write a short Letter to Jesus** asking HIM to give you HIS type of love for others.

__ Read V39-42. What would you have said to Jesus if you were hanging next to HIM on the cross that day?

__ What got the criminal hanging next to Jesus into heaven with HIM? Was it all **the good things** he had done? What will get you into heaven? Why should we do good works and obey, then?

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

__ Think about these quotes for a while; let them sink in! Martin Luther quoted, "He who is devoid of the power to forgive, is devoid of the power to love." Max Lucado says, "Relationships don't thrive because the guilty are punished, but because the wounded are merciful." Steve Wagner said, "Forgive others as quickly as you expect God to forgive you." Someone said, "It takes a strong person to say, 'I'm SORRY' and an even stronger person to FORGIVE." These are great sayings, but the huge question of the day is, are you ready to put them into practice!? **PRAY ABOUT THIS!**

Be Still, Reflect, Listen - 5 minutes with God



Day #5

1 4

Walking In The Spirit

__ Confess, Repent, Learn, Adjust

Weekly POWER Passage (Write out each day)

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Read Luke 22:1-71..... Listen and Apply

__ These last chapters in Luke bring us to Jesus' **last week on earth**. Imagine this is YOUR last week on earth. Write how you would spend the week. What would you do? Would it include any of your immoral behavior?

__ Jesus and His disciples go to Jerusalem along with 1,000,000 plus Jews for the most important Jewish celebration of the year, **The Passover**. (Read about it in Exodus 12, if interested.) All males over 12yrs old were required to go. **The Passover** celebrated Israel's escape from Egypt. A perfect lamb was sacrificed and its blood was painted on the doorposts of their homes so the angel of death would "pass over" their homes. Jesus just finishes giving them these huge announcements: He will soon suffer, He is not going to eat again until He is in the Kingdom of God, and one of them is going to betray Him that is sitting at the table. They start to argue again about who is the greatest in V24; they are so **self absorbed!!** In years from now, what would you look back at and say, "Man, did I miss what was really important!" What are you so **concerned** about that you may be missing what GOD is really trying to do in your life?

__ Write down what Jesus says our major concern should be in V26-27! Is this the **main focus of your life?** Write out how you need to change your thinking in some areas to be "the Greatest."

__ Jesus final and **greatest temptation** was just hours away when He would agonize over the pain of the cross but even greater would be the separation from God His FATHER for the first time ever! The scripture records in V44 that HE "sweated blood" in HIS anguish of this upcoming trial! What did HE do and what did HE tell His disciples to do in V40&44? Write a short note to Jesus asking HIM to give you strength to overcome temptation the way that HE did!

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

__ Read V49-51 and ask yourself, "Is Jesus able to heal the mistakes **I've made?**" Do you feel like Peter felt in V60-62 and V49-51, that within hours of each other Peter has these two **epic failures?** Peter let down the one he loved most in His life, JESUS. He had turned his back on HIM. Let yourself feel what Peter felt and confess out loud the failures and mess ups in your life that are epic to you. Ask God for HIS forgiveness and restoration of the messes you've made. Realize we all have these if we are honest. This may be a time you need to **weep** before your Lord and Savior. **Give all your failures to HIM now.** He knows them anyway! He wants to restore you. We will read next week in Acts how HE restored and used Peter! We have an amazing GOD!!! Lay it all before HIM now.....

Be Still, Reflect, Listen - 5 minutes with God



Day #2

1 4

Walking In The Spirit

__ Confess, Repent, Learn, Adjust

Weekly POWER Passage (Write out each day)

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Read 18-19:27..... Listen and Apply

__ This is Jesus' last few days on His trip to Jerusalem. What does 18:1 say is the purpose of the parable that follows? Are there prayers or people you have given up on, feeling like God is just not going to answer. Ask God if there is a **prayer** you have given up on that you should continue praying in perseverance? List them now!

__ We see JESUS teaching the importance of **prayer** in these parables in chapter 18. Which man are you more like when you **pray**: the Pharisee (V11-12) or the Tax Collector (V13)? What do these verses (V11-V14) show you about the character of these two men and the difference in the result of their **prayers?** Why should this be important to you?

__ We see, starting in 18:18, the historical account of the "rich young ruler" and in 19:1 is "Zacchaeus, a rich man." These two accounts have totally different outcomes. What does this show you about what is important to JESUS? What are you not willing to let go of for the Kingdom of God?

__ Jesus asks the blind man a very profound question in 18:41, "What do you want me to do for you?" Write a short letter to HIM telling HIM what you would like if HE were to ask you that question!

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

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Be Still, Reflect, Listen - 5 minutes with God



Day #3

1 4

Walking In The Spirit

_ Confess, Repent, Learn, Adjust

Weekly POWER Passage (Write out each day)

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Read Luke 19:28-20:47.....Listen and Apply

_ "Today is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be Glad in it!!" Today's reading starts with Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. This is your day to get still before the LORD and listen to what He wants to say through you. Write the devo yourself today, and at the end, pose a challenge, prayer, or maybe a thought provoking quote. Have fun with this today!

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Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

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Be Still, Reflect, Listen - 5 minutes with God



Day #4

1 4

Walking In The Spirit

_ Confess, Repent, Learn, Adjust

Weekly POWER Passage (Write out each day)

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Read Luke 21:1-38.....Listen and Apply

_ The average **American worker** makes about \$26/hr and most of the rest of the world only makes about \$2/hr. The bottom 10% of Americans make more than the top 10% of income earners in 50% of the **other countries in the world**. Our middle income people in America are "**the rich**" that the bible talks about. Why did Jesus point out to His disciples that this women gave out of her **poverty** in V3&4? What did this say about the **woman's heart**?

_ After reading the account of the poor widow, write out what you feel "God wants" **you to do** in the future with the giving of your:

>>> Time -

>>> Talents -

>>> Money -

_ When you read V9-12, does it appear that Jesus came to make our lives perfect, comfy, and cozy? What is **Jesus' purpose** in saying this and what should our purpose be according to V13?

_ In V14&15, is this concept of "**making up our minds**" or in Colossians chapter 3 of "setting our minds and hearts on things above," in conjunction with God. Have you made up your mind that you are going to **do whatever you need to do** and not stop until your walking in complete freedom from sexual lust in the power of JESUS and the HOLY SPIRIT? Have you!? Write a short letter to Jesus telling HIM to **what extent you're willing to go** to get freedom!

Prayer/Quote/Challenge/Principle

_ Read V28&36. Most Christians believe in a **pre- or mid-tribulation Rapture**. Are you "**ready today**" to stand before "the Son of Man?" **Reflect on this a while** and then pray this prayer, "Jesus, Holy Spirit, Father, I want to present myself to you today as a living sacrifice and desire to walk in holiness, not sexual immorality. I want to lay my life before you to use me for YOUR GLORY and YOUR PURPOSES with a joyful willingness! Help me to make up my mind to lay down my desires and wants and to follow you wherever you lead me. I know your ways are best and will ultimately bring me the the greatest joy in life! Help me to stay alert and prayerful that I can escape the things to come and that I may look forward to standing before you with a clear conscience. AMEN

Be Still, Reflect, Listen - 5 minutes with God

