

Jesus Lessons

I. Faith and action

A. Me?

Mark 16:14-18 (NIV)

¹⁴ Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. ¹⁵ He said to them, "**Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.**" ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

B. When God leads

Exodus 15:22-27 (NIV)

²² Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. ²³ When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) ²⁴ So **the people grumbled** against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?" ²⁵ **Then Moses cried out to the LORD**, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the LORD made a decree and a law for them, and there he tested them. ²⁶ He said, "If you listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you." ²⁷ Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

Psalms 34:15-19 (NIV)

¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry; ¹⁶ the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. ¹⁷ The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. ¹⁸ The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. ¹⁹ **A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all;**

II. My Choices Matter

A. Yes, to Self-controlled, Godly life

Titus 2:11-13 (NIV)

¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. ¹² **It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions**, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

B. Yes, to the Spirit of God ---Set his mind on God

Romans 8:5-8 (NIV)

⁵ Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; ⁷ **the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.** ⁸ **Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.**

C. I will invest ---Paid the price

Luke 14:27-30 (NIV)

²⁷ And **anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.** ²⁸ "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. **Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?** ²⁹ For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

Luke 12:20-21 (NIV)

²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' ²¹ "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but **is not rich toward God.**"

D. I will not stop

Philippians 3:12-14 (NIV)

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. **But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.**

1 Corinthians 9:24 (NIV)

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? **Run in such a way as to get the prize.**

Prayer

Almighty God send your anointing upon my life. May the words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart and the activity of my life be pleasing in your sight. Open my eyes to see with your perspective. Grant me a willing spirit that I would not rebel against your invitations. Holy Spirit direct my path toward wisdom and life. I choose to live for the glory of God, to give praise to the Creator of all things and to rejoice in the majesty of the Holy God. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!