

Jesus Driven

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Glory be.. yes!

The Life He Lived

The life He lived qualified Him to die the death that He died.

The death that He died qualifies us to receive the life that He lived then, by faith, right now. Why? That He may live the life that He lived, then, in and through us, now!

You In Christ...

Christ in you...

Public ministry FOR Jesus requires private moments WITH Jesus.

Remember this:

Public ministry FOR the Lord requires private moments WITH the Lord. Public work should be birthed out of private worship. Public wars are won through private walks with our King.

Luke 5

Launch out

Let down

Lift up

Let others help

I'm not exactly sure WHERE He's told you to "launch out and let down" but I am pretty sure you do... and if you don't, you need to follow Him. And when you "launch out" and where you "let down" your

net, you can rest assured, it will always be in the right place for the right time to “lift up” the catch.

I want to encourage you today... to simply trust and follow Jesus. Go ahead and "launch out and let down your nets" He promises to make you a fisher of men.

“When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch [to lift up].”

A Jesus driven servant will be:

Compelled by Jesus
Spirit Led
Bible Centered
Mission readied
Prayer powered
Kingdom minded

Luke 24:44-49

-Witness of Jesus
-Witness of truth
-Witness of the Spirit
-Witness of His bride (gifted to reach, teach, equip and mobilize)
-Witness of a transformed life

A Testimony — What Should We Listen and Look For?

Six Marks — Distinguishing Marks of an Authentic Witness

Six MARKS of an Authentic Witness, as seen in the testimony of Paul in Acts 26, Romans 2 and throughout the Scriptures. The testimony and teachings that support an authentic witness in the Bible are as follows: the disciples life:

1. They REST on a CURRENT Lifestyle.
2. They're ROOTED in a Past CONVERSION. (When we entrusted our lives to Jesus being interrupted and invaded by Him and His grace.)

3. They REFLECT a CONSISTENT COMMITMENT of Following Jesus (from the time we were interrupted and reconciled to Jesus, including being chastened, restored, corrected, revived, redirected, disciplined and cared for by Jesus and His people).
4. They're REWARDED to CERTIFY the Gospel is True and to CLARIFY Truth about Jesus. (Gifted to be His witness... that gets to declare His praise and purpose, telling and retelling our story, again and again, of His redeeming grace. We open our mouths, our bibles and our lives alongside His truth and grace and show how He and His truth and grace continues to transform our lives.)
5. They're REPENTANCE is a CHARACTERISTIC mark of His sufficient grace
6. They're RECONCILERS reaching A CORRUPT WORLD with His gospel who long to teach, equip and mobilize those they reach.

Jesus is their testimony and this evidence, as His disciples, cannot be hidden or denied. They will characteristically be His witnesses for His glory and good.

Hearing Jesus, on everything, concerning all things, as a way of life, is everything to His disciples. (Acts 3:22-26 ; Luke 2:34-35; 2 Corinthians 5:14-21).

How to Bounce Back

When You've Bounced Out

It's your race to run.

No One Can Run It For You

Run Your Race — It's Yours

Run your race, my friends, it's yours... no one can run [it] for you. And no one, other than the Lord, can lay it out and make it so clear before you.

"...SO THAT I may finish my race with joy, AND the ministry..." (Acts 20:24)

All ministries... ALL MINISTRIES, given by God, are given as a testament TO and FOR the gospel of the grace of God... it's the mission or course we've been assigned that differs, each of us, from our

brothers and sisters.

Your course is different from my course... no different than Jesus's cross differs from our cross.
(Mark 8:34-38)

The course or race or joy of the Lord or way of God or will of God, as applied to our individual assignments are speaking of our cross. (Hebrews 12:1-5)

C'mon... can we say, "I'd rather be faithful to the call and die for the cause of Christ...

...than be unfaithful to the call, and the course my Caller has given, and live life safe and for myself."

It's your race...no one else can run [it] for you. I encourage you to

1. embrace [it] gladly,
2. endure [it] gratefully,
3. explain [it] graciously, and
4. enjoy [it] gloriously...with your eyes fixed on Jesus, so you don't flicker or fall apart when the road gets ugly or when the view, along the road, gets "too pretty" to continue.

1. Turn away from: fretting or being anxious or angry or afraid over the evildoers and workers of iniquity. Their agenda and time will be short lived... it's temporary so careful place your focus and trust upon the things that will endure time and last through eternity.

2. Trust in the Lord (believe God, take Him at His word and don't let them mislead you

And

Do good or advance His agenda which is your purpose for being planted where you are.

3. Dwell in the land (let God plant you) and let Him feed you where He's planted you. Feed on His faithfulness and be at peace and be not threatened their ways, for He has prepared a table before you in the presence of your enemies. Let Him nurture and cultivate your life, yes let Him water and fertilize your soul.

4. Delight yourself (soften yourself, be mushy and taken, consumed and absorbed like a girl with a guy. Soft and tender (effeminate) and nag at God, like a woman who nags her husband for all his

attention, affection and adoration. Be persistent and pursue Him and He will plant His desires in you and your desires (petitions/prayers) will be given you.

5. How... commit (entrust) your works and ways to Him. Trust what He establishes in you heart and mind. He will fulfill what He plants in you.

6. Rest in the Lord... be calm and quiet in Him and dance in step with Him (wait on Him). Be patient and let Him lead. Wait on His move and don't fret/burn/glow with animosity in your heart.

7. You'll cease from over thinking and fretting over what ain't of God. Fretting on hurts you and those around you... but faith transfers life for life, and the sweet joys and expectations of God for it.

A handful of steps for when or if you ever disqualify yourself (no one can disqualify you, but you), as you run your race worthy of the gospel that Jesus personified, loved and proclaimed.

Look Up... (To Jesus... above the trouble and disqualification.)

Lay it Down... (Whatever took your attention, affection and eyes off Jesus.)

Lean In... (Trust, rely, rest and wait upon Him.)

Listen For... (Give Him your heart, hope and ears.)

Live On... (Walk in and celebrate what He feeds you.)

Love Again... (God's way... patiently, kindly, compassionately, mercifully, wisely, sacrificially)

Lead Well... (Re-Invest in others what He's planted and poured into you.)

Learn From... (Be humble and meek as you glean wisdom and insight from others.)

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Praying over each of you today... may this day and every single day ahead of us be richly blessed and favored in extraordinary and undeniable ways. May our nest be a haven for cultivating and nurturing love, grace, truth, and mercy. May our work be a witness to His call upon our lives. May our purpose and priorities for living be a testimony of the hope we have in Jesus and His promises. May our love for the brethren shine and be more evident than ever before. Yes, may Jesus entrust us with the power of His Spirit and the abounding blessings of His Scriptures to live the life He lived then, in us now. Bless our faith family, we are asking You to do it, Lord.

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