

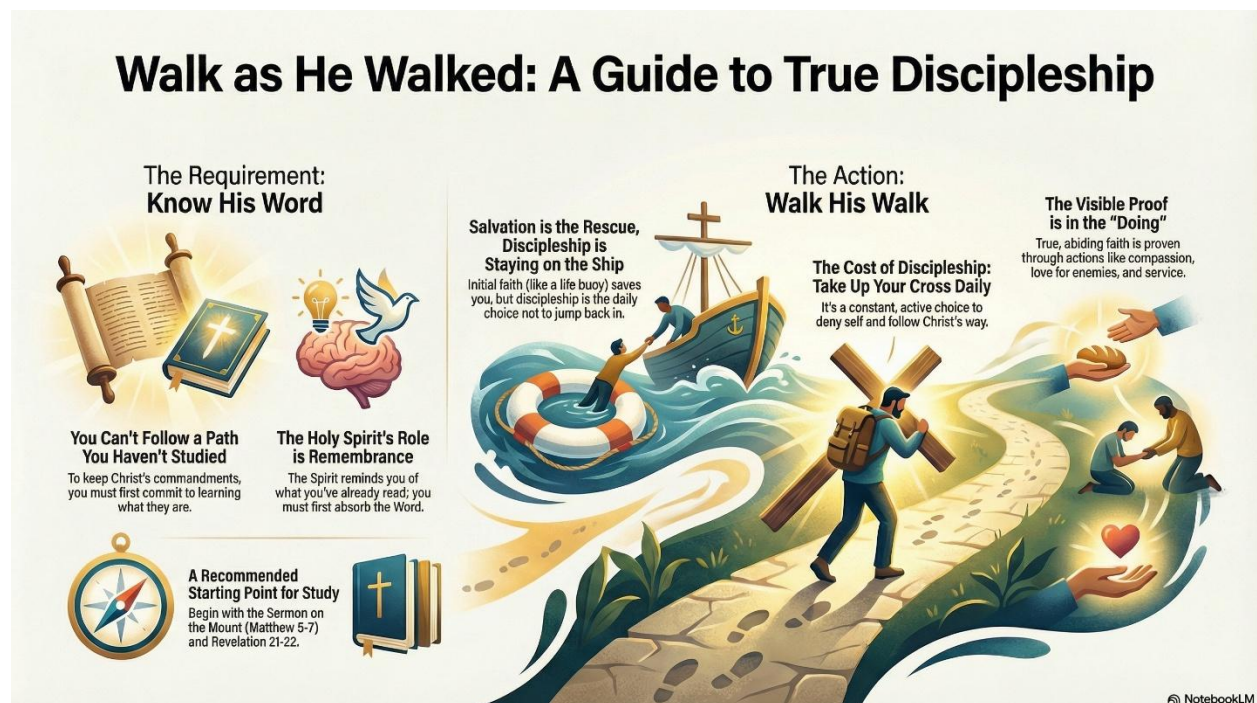
Walk as He Walked

Note for 20251104 – 1 John 2:4-6

1. Opening

Welcome to the Devotionals of The House of Bread. In the Word we read that we are to receive the Word of GOD by the Spirit, so I strongly urge you to pray before you receive the Devotional. Let Christ take the lead in your Spiritual Development.

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Introduction

How can we know that the love of GOD is in us? It seems like a simple question, and really, the answer is fairly simple too. To see it though, that is not so simple, especially if you are not in Christ to begin with. I have both added to the Verse of the Day and extracted just a little from the chapter John writes on this. As per usual, it is better if you read the entire chapter and more so if you read the entire letter.

2. Scripture Text

1 John 2:4-6 KJV

“[4] He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. [5] But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. [6] He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.”

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3. Devotional Reflection

Keep His commandments. Keep His Word and walk as He walked. That is a brief summary.

What are Christ's commandments? What did Jesus Christ speak to mankind when He was with us in the flesh. How do you keep what you don't know? How does His Word land on your heart? These are the big questions that should have an answer in all of us.

For me, and mom for that matter, this became a huge endeavour after we finished reading the Book of Revelation. I remember our discussions as we considered who would enter the New Jerusalem and who would not. (Read **Revelation 21** for reference.) From there we went straight to the Sermon on the Mount, but after that, we still wanted more so we covered the Gospels and the letters by the Disciples, for their testimony of Jesus Christ. We needed more and we read more and still we are reading.

So, my question to you this morning is this: How do you keep what you don't know? How do you walk as He walked, if you don't know how He walked? Unless you lay down your life, take up your cross and follow Him, you can in no means enter the Kingdom of GOD. How can I say that?

Matthew 16:24-25 (NKJV)

"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."

Other similar passages include:

Luke 9:23-24: *"Then He said to them all, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.'"*

Mark 8:34-35: *"When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, 'Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.'"*

Matthew 10:38-39: *"And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it."*

Luke 14:27: *"And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple."*

Friends, I am advocating for reading the Word of GOD. I know of a person, in particular, that use to read my notes as they came out, and one day he really heard me, when I said, "Don't follow me, follow Christ." He now has his own reading of the Word, day by day, and I have never been happier to lose a reader. Even John the Baptist was delighted when His disciples followed Christ instead. But, if you don't know, how do you keep the Word, His commandments, unless it is in you yourself? The Holy Spirit will remind you of what He said. Friends, "reminding" means you used to know.

"Who has time for all that reading," you might think. "Where do I begin?" I suggest Matthew 5-7. Maybe Revelation 21 as well. And I suggest reading the Gospels and the Letters, but

really, you need the entire Bible. This is not to be saved, per say; but to be able to follow, that His Word may be in you.

Now, you may say, "where do I find the time?" Make time. I rose an hour or two before I had to be up for my responsibilities. I still do; I am at that time right now.

You see, the chapter we read earlier has more to say:

1 John 2:15-17 KJV

"[15] Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. [16] For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. [17] And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

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I will not lie to you, some mornings it is hard to get up earlier, and the enemy will try and stop you. But is it not written, "he who endures to the end, the same shall be saved?" You read; the Holy Spirit will remind you. "How many times?" I don't know, I will tell you when I reach the end, until then, repeatedly.

To walk as He walked, you need to know how He walked. To see it in practice, read how those who followed Him walked, even since He ascended into Heaven.

From what you read here today, can you see that it is more than just saying something, and that it includes "doing?" I am reminded of what James wrote, *"faith without works is dead."* And of course, my favourite, Matthew 25:40 (I will quote from memory,) *"Whatsoever ye have done unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done unto me."*

4. Verse of the Day

From the YouVersion Bible App

1 John 2:6 KJV

“[6] He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.”

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5. Closing Paragraph

To follow the Word of GOD, you must get to know Him and all He said.

Jesus Christ is the Word of GOD made flesh. Bring the Word of GOD into your heart and love the Word of GOD.

Selah, Shalom.

6. Optional Reading / Study Expansion

The Goal — The Glory to Come

- *Revelation 21–22*
A vision of the New Heaven and New Earth, the Bride of Christ, and eternal communion with God.

Available on Request:

Bible Reading Plan: The Words and Witness of Jesus Christ (KJV)

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7. Resources

Playlists:

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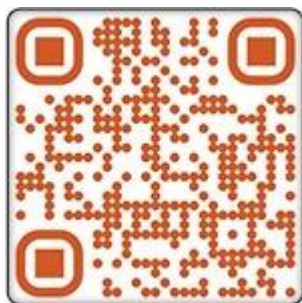
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