



WALKING WITH JESUS

BY PUTTING ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

CCIC BELIEVES;

- WE ARE CHRIST CENTRED. Galatians 2:20, “ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”
- LOVE IS OUR BOND. Colossians 3:14, “ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”
- GOSPEL IS OUR MISSION. Mark 15:16, “*He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”*”

OUR STRUCTURE;

- 1. TEACH THE WORD OF GOD.
- 2. TEACH TO PRAY AND PRACTICE IT.
- 3. TEACH TO LOVE GOD AND THE PEOPLE.
- 4. TEACH HOW TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

TEXT: Ephesians 6:14

- “Stand firm then, with the ***belt of truth*** buckled around your waist,”

OUR SERIES FOR THE BELT OF TRUTH;

- 1. THE CHALLENGE: PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD.
- 2. WALKING IN TRUTH. TRUTH IS NOT IDEA-TRUTH FLOWS FROM GOD'S VERY NATURE.
- 3. GOD'S WORD IS TRUTH. THE SCRIPTURE IS THE FINAL AUTHORITY FOR TRUTH.
- 4. JESUS IS THE TRUTH. TRUTH IS PERSONAL AND EMBODIED IN CHRIST.

OUR SERIES FOR THE BELT OF TRUTH.

- 5. THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH. THE HOLY SPIRIT REVEALS AND CONFIRMS THE TRUTH.
- 6. TRUTH SETS US FREE. TRUTH BRINGS FREEDOM FROM SIN AND DECEPTION.

TOPIC: TRUTH SETS US FREE.

- JOHN 8:31-32, “³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.” ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.””
- ³³ They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”

HOW CAN WE PROVE AND IDENTIFY A TRUE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST?

- 1. TRUE DISCIPLESHIP IS PROVEN BY ABIDING.
- ““³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.”
- A. True discipleship is not a momentary decision but on going obedience and faithfulness.
- B. Jesus is saying: real belief shows itself by staying under My Words.

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- 2. TRUTH IS DISCOVERED THROUGH OBEDIENCE, NOT ARGUMENT. V.32.
- “³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
- A. “KNOW” Means experiential knowledge, not mere information.
- B. Truth is revealed in relationship with Christ. [John 14:6].
- C. Freedom comes after abiding not before.
- Biblical; order. 1. Abide in his word, 2. Know the truth, 3. Experience freedom.

SHORT STORY

- A man lives for years in a small room with the door locked from the outside. Every day he sits by the door, believing he is trapped. He learns the history of the building, studies the design of the lock, even memorizes the rules posted on the wall. He knows about the door-but he never tries the handle. One day, someone enters the room and says, "The door is unlocked, You are free to leave." The man argues: "I've been here too long". My family has always lived in locked rooms. "I know how doors work". Finally, he reaches out and turns the handle. The door open easily. At that moment, he knows the truth not because he heard it, but because he experienced it.

Lesson learn.

- The room represent bondage [sin, fear, false beliefs]
- Door represents Christ and His Word.
- The statement “You are free” is truth proclaimed.
- Turning the handle is obedience.
- Walking out is freedom experienced.
- ***“Truth did not change when he heard it. His condition changed when he acted on it.”***

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- 3. THE FREEDOM JESUS OFFERS IS SPIRITUAL, NOT POLITICAL.
- “³³ They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?””

- A. Their claim was spiritual pride: "We belong to Abraham, therefore we are already free."
- B. Pride blinds to their bondage.
- C. They deny bondage because they cannot see their sin.

CONCLUSION

- *“IF YOU STAY WITH MY WORD, YOU’LL DISCOVER WHAT’S TRUE. AND WHEN YOU OBEY THE TRUTH YOU WILL EXPERIENCE FREEDOM.”*