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Following Jesus: His Way, His Life, & His Truth What Does Your Heart Say? Apostle Tony Wade



Foundational Scripture John 8:31 – 55

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." ³³ They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, 'You will be made free?'"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵ And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. ³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. ³⁷ 'I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. ³⁸ I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father.'" ³⁹ They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. ⁴⁰ But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. ⁴¹ You do the deeds of your father." Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. ⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. ⁴⁶ Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? ⁴⁷ He, who is of God, hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of

God." ⁴⁸ Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor, Me. ⁵⁰ And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. ⁵¹ Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word, he shall never see death." ⁵² Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word, he shall never taste death.'" ⁵³ Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. ⁵⁵ Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word.

- ⇒ Abide means to live in to take up residence.
- ⇒ A disciple is a learner or follower. When you are discipling someone, they are learning from you. You are inviting that individual to your walk with Jesus.
- ⇒ It's the truth that you know and applies that make you free.
- ⇒ Sin means you miss the mark. Whoever continuously commits sin is a slave to sin. The good news is Jesus freed us from the bondage of sin.
- ⇒ Jesus paid the price, but many exchange their freedom for slavery because they don't want to change or come out of their sin.
- ⇒ There are two Kingdoms: God's Kingdom and the kingdom of darkness. The fruit from your life determines which Kingdom you are apart of.
- ⇒ Truth angers those who don't want to hear it, because they don't want to change.
 - Does Holy Spirit reside or visit you? Explain.
 - What scriptures are you using to free yourself?
 - Do your thoughts, actions, or ideologies agree with God's Kingdom or the kingdom of darkness? Explain.
 - Does truth anger you?
 - How does truth guide your life?
 - Are you retraining yourself according to the Word, or are you hardening your heart?
 - What fruit in your life demonstrates that you live according to truth?
 - Are you honest with yourself?

Matthew 5: 22 - 25

But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, Raca! shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, You fool! shall be in danger of hell fire. ²³ Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

- ⇒ Reconciliation may not be possible. You may try to make it right, but the other person may not want to make it right.
 - Is your heart in prison because you don't want to make things right with someone who wronged you?

Matthew 6: 6

But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

- ⇒ God will reward you openly for the things you do in private.
- ⇒ Pray for mercy for those that wrong you. When you sow mercy, you will reap mercy.



Heart Check Thoughts

1. We are one bad decision away from returning to who we used to be. Picking up your cross daily helps when you are challenged in your flesh.
2. God's way is the best way! We have to renew our mind in order to walk in righteousness.
3. In order to reset yourself, work is required. We must retrain ourselves to walk in freedom.
4. If you're struggling with your walk, surround yourself with individuals who will hold you accountable.
5. Allow the Word to lead you to repentance not conviction. Don't allow conviction to cause you to run from God.
6. Your actions should be done from a pure heart for God's glory.
7. Don't be a victim twice. Someone wrongs you and you hold the bitterness in your heart.
8. You can't live in peace, when your heart is not right.
9. If at all possible, live peaceably with men. It won't be possible to live peaceably with everyone. Know what relationships to cut, to maintain your peace.
10. Allow God to work in your heart and remove the things that are robbing you of your peace.

Prayer: Forgiving Others

Lord,

I forgive _____. I forgive them for the wrong that they have done against me. I forgive them and Father I ask that you forgive me for holding unforgiveness in my heart towards them. Forgive me Father. Let the blood of Jesus cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Father, I pray that you bless them with long life. Bless their finances. Bless their health. Bless their family. Bless their life. Lord and I ask that you have mercy upon them. I give them mercy. I won't testify in your court against them when they're accused by the enemy. I won't accuse them. God, I clear their debt. Father just like I cleared their debt, I ask that you clear my debt. I want your peace upon my life. Peace in the name of Jesus. Father, I lift my hands, and I receive your peace. Father let that heaviness come off me. Father, you said vengeance is mine and you will repay. Father, they don't have to pay their own debt. You pay it for them. Father, I ask for mercy. I give it to you. I won't handle it myself. I thank you for peace. Thank you for freedom in my heart. I have forgiven them and won't open the door back up. When the devil tries to bring their name up, I'll bless them. Every time I'll bless them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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