

The Triumphant Life: Spirit & Truth

A new way to live, a new way to worship.

Follow Me!

In order to live a triumphant and victorious life we must follow the way and the words of Jesus Christ.

1. He was born of the Spirit, so we must be.
2. He grew in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and man, we must as well.
3. He lingered, learned, listened and asked questions, and was subject to those in authority over his life. We must follow that example.
4. He was baptized in water as the Father instructed, we must also be baptized.
5. He was both full of and led by the power of the Holy Spirit, these are our instructions as well.

So where do we go from here? How do we advance? We must continue to follow Jesus!

Matthew 16:24-25 Amplified Bible Discipleship Is Costly

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to follow Me [as My disciple], he must deny himself [set aside selfish interests], and take up his cross [expressing a willingness to endure whatever may come] and follow Me [believing in Me, conforming to My example in living and, if need be, suffering or perhaps dying because of faith in Me]. 25 For whoever wishes to save his life [in this world] will [eventually] lose it [through death], but whoever loses his life [in this world] for My sake will find it [that is, life with Me for all eternity].

- So when Jesus says follow me where does He desire to take us? To live with Him for all eternity. The ultimate triumphant life is eternal life!
- So we must do all He said to obtain this life.
- The only way to fully deny the power of the sinful and selfish life is to worship/serve God in the way He requires.
- Desire alone will not accomplish this feat.
- Deny yourself, pick up your cross and follow me.

2 Corinthians 5:17 New Living Translation

17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

Romans 6:4 New Living Translation

4 For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

- In this new life, we are led in a new way. No longer slaves to sin and our selfish desires.
- A new way of living calls for a new way of worship.

A New Way to Worship

John 4:1-24 New Living Translation Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

4 Jesus[a] knew the Pharisees had heard that he was baptizing and making more disciples than John 2 (though Jesus himself didn't baptize them—his disciples did). 3 So he left Judea and returned to Galilee. 4 He had to go through Samaria on the way. 5 Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. 7 Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." 8 He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. 9 The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans.[b] She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?" 10 Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water."

- In this new way of life, and worship God has a gift to give.
- Jesus the Messiah is the giver.
- It's received by asking.
- It's living water that is not natural, but spiritual.

11 "But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? 12 And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?"

- Without a revelation of who Christ is, our expectation remains natural.

13 Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. 14 But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

- Our goal of following Jesus is to receive eternal life. He offers it to those who receive Him.

15 “Please, sir,” the woman said, “give me this water! Then I’ll never be thirsty again, and I won’t have to come here to get water.”

- When she heard Jesus say she would never thirst again she was still thinking about a natural thirst.
- Jesus was offering her a water that would quench the thirst for righteousness, peace with God, and joy in the Holy Spirit.
- He was offering her the Kingdom of God, which would live inside of her through her accepting and believing by faith that He was the Messiah.
- He was offering her a spiritual renewal and cleansing that water alone could not quench or wash away.

16 “Go and get your husband,” Jesus told her. 17 “I don’t have a husband,” the woman replied. Jesus said, “You’re right! You don’t have a husband— 18 for you have had five husbands, and you aren’t even married to the man you’re living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!”

- Jesus exposed the condition of her heart and why she needed the living water, because without it she would die in her sin.
- With this word of wisdom from the Holy Spirit, it transitions the conversation from natural to spiritual.

19 “Sir,” the woman said, “you must be a prophet. 20 So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim,[c] where our ancestors worshiped?”

- Without the revelation she’s still thinking externally.
- Just like she asked how he would draw water without a bucket, now we see her worship is focused on natural things as well.
- The question is about the externals of worship.

21 Jesus replied, “Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. 23 But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. 24 For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

- True worshippers worship who? The Father!
- How? In spirit and in truth.
- The Father is looking for these worshippers.
- Why is this type of worship/service/lifestyle required?
- Because God is a spirit, so His worshippers must be like Him in spirit, and in truth.

Romans 8:9 New Living Translation

9 But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)

Matthew 3:15 New Living Translation

15 But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires.[a]" So John agreed to baptize him.

- Without the work of the spirit, through the knowledge of the truth, transformation cannot occur, and the triumph we desire is not attainable.

John 6:63 New Living Translation

63 The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

- God is seeking those on earth who are His true worshippers, and they are located because they are living in spirit and truth.
- They have Him within and are being led by Him.
- It's easy to locate those you are leading.

John 4:25-30 New Living Translation

25 The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." 26 Then Jesus told her, "I am the Messiah!"[a] 27 Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked to find him talking to a woman, but none of them had the nerve to ask, "What do you want with her?" or "Why are you talking to her?" 28 The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, 29 "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?" 30 So the people came streaming from the village to see him.

- She left her natural water and ideas about worship behind and ran to tell others.

- The living water inside of her was offered to others, and their thirst was awakened.
- Come see a man (Spirit), who told me everything I ever did (Truth)

John 4:39-41 New Living Translation Many Samaritans Believe

39 Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, “He told me everything I ever did!” 40 When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days, 41 long enough for many more to hear his message and believe.

Jude 17-25 New Living Translation A Call to Remain Faithful

17 But you, my dear friends, must remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ predicted. 18 They told you that in the last times there would be scoffers/mockers whose purpose in life is to satisfy their ungodly desires. 19 These people are the ones who are creating divisions among you. They follow their natural instincts because they do not have God’s Spirit in them. 20 But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit,[a] 21 and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God’s love. 22 And you must show mercy to[b] those whose faith is wavering. 23 Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others,[c] but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives.[d] 24 Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault. 25 All glory to him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! Amen.