

Life's Journey With Jesus

L2: God Prepares Our Guide for a Journey with Jesus

Introduction

Embarking on a journey with Jesus is a transformative experience that requires guidance and preparation. God, in His infinite wisdom, provides us with the tools, teachings, and mentors necessary for this journey. This study will explore how God prepares us and our guides for the journey with Jesus, highlighting key scripture references that illuminate this divine preparation.

1. God's Preparation Through Scripture

Scripture Reference: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV) *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."*

2Timothy 2:15 *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

Discussion: God's Word is our ultimate guide. It prepares us by teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training us in righteousness. There is nothing in life that we intersect with that doesn't have some reference in the word of God. Life is the large and grand process by which we learn and grow in the things and ways of God. Many of these things in life are good. Some are bad. Whether good or bad, this journey can be addressed by references from God's word. Therefore, to address the issues of life along the journey, we must not just be familiar with, but we must **know** the word of God. For example, when pressed with supporting someone, whether financial, emotional, or otherwise, we are more inclined to do so for people we know, and not someone we are only familiar with. Through diligent study and application of Scripture, we become equipped for the journey with Jesus.

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Application:

- Regularly read and meditate on the Bible.
- Reflect on how the Scriptures guide your daily decisions and actions.

2. The Role of the Holy Spirit

Scripture Reference: John 14:26 (NIV) *"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."*

Luke 24:49 *And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*

Discussion: The Holy Spirit is our divine guide, teaching and reminding us of Jesus' teachings. The Holy Spirit empowers us, provides wisdom, and helps us stay aligned with God's will. This point is so important. Many people do well at simply coming to Christ, but this is only part of the yielding which must take place. The Lord has sent the Holy Spirit, but we must yield guidance of our lives to him. So many people think that once they are saved they can handle life's journey on their own. NOT TRUE! We have to have the indwelling power and presence of the Holy Spirit to lead, guide and direct us. We can't see down the road of life as He can. Allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us is not the "*Blind leading the Blind,*" but we are now following the greatest visionary leader there is, The Lord God in the person of the Holy Spirit.

Application:

- Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in all aspects of your life.
- Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings and corrections.

3. Godly Mentors and Leaders

Scripture Reference: Hebrews 13:7 (NIV) *"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."*

Discussion: God places godly mentors and leaders in our lives to guide us. These individuals model Christ-like behavior and provide wisdom and encouragement on our journey. The greatest of examples of mentors and leaders are those who lift up

the significance of having a personal relationship with the Lord. These individuals also highlight the fact that there is no way to successfully make it through life's journey apart from the Lord. But the most significant attribute of Godly mentors and leaders is that they never make themselves part of your ascent along the journey, but they consistently point us toward Jesus Christ as the one to whom we should aspire to.

Biblically, these persons appeared in the person and position of the Prophets. The Prophets were a class of men of God, especially in the Old Testament dispensation, inspired to foretell future and secret events; and who also revealed the will of God as to current events and duties, and were his ambassadors to men. The prophets received their messages from God, sometimes in visions, trances, and dreams. These revelations were at times attended with overpowering manifestations of the Godhead; and at other times were simply breathed into the mind by the Spirit of God. Their messages were delivered to the kings, princes, and priests whom they most concerned, or to the people at large, in writing, or by word of mouth and in public places; often with miracles, or with symbolic actions designed to explain and enforce them. The Old Testament contains the inspired writings of sixteen of the Hebrew prophets; four of whom, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel are called the greater prophets and the other twelve the minor prophets

Application:

- Seek out and build relationships with godly mentors.
- Learn from their experiences and apply their teachings to your life.

4. Personal Experiences and Trials

Scripture Reference: James 1:2-4 (NIV) *"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."*

Discussion: God uses personal experiences and trials to prepare and refine us. These challenges develop our character, faith, and reliance on God, making us more effective in our journey with Jesus.

Application:

- View trials as opportunities for growth and learning.

- Trust in God’s purpose and plan through difficult times. *Jeremiah 29:11*

5. Prayer and Communion with God

Scripture Reference: Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV) *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

Luke 18:1 ¶ *And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;*

Discussion: Prayer is essential for preparation. It aligns our hearts with God’s will, provides peace, and strengthens our relationship with Him. Through prayer, we receive guidance and clarity for our journey.

Application:

- Develop a consistent prayer life.
- Bring all your concerns and decisions before God in prayer.

Conclusion

God prepares us and our guides for the journey with Jesus through Scripture, the Holy Spirit, godly mentors, personal experiences, and prayer. By embracing these divine provisions, we can confidently and faithfully follow Jesus, knowing that we are equipped for every step of the journey.

Reflection Questions

1. How has Scripture guided you in your journey with Jesus?
2. In what ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit’s guidance?
3. Who are the godly mentors in your life, and how have they influenced you?
4. How have personal trials and experiences shaped your faith?
5. What role does prayer play in your daily walk with Jesus?

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