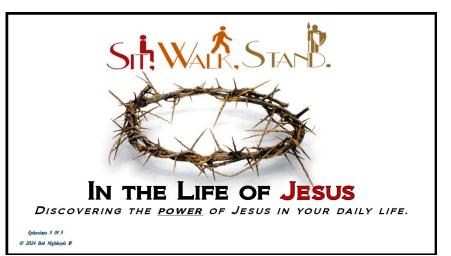


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The MATURE Christian Believer must learn to:

- 1. ______ : _____ in the presence of Christ as part of their daily experience.
- 2. _____: _____ the world as Christ's Witness of the possibilities of a changed life.
- 3. ______: _____ the enemy for God.

Seated in HEAVENLY places

 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and <u>seated us with Him</u> in the ______

_____ in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2.4-7

- The LOVE of God transcends our previous lives as sinners so we can be restored and reborn through the LIFE, DEATH, and ______ of Jesus.
- We cannot image or understand all God's love <u>has</u> <u>done</u> for us in dealing with our old sinful lives.
- We have no real idea how much he <u>wants to do</u> for us now (______) and through us (______).



Sit down with Jesus

- "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you _______. "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND ______ FOR YOUR SOULS. "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Matthew 11.28-30
- You need to have a ______
 with Jesus that allows you to discover HIS
 - ♦ _____ to you: <u>REST</u> for your <u>SOUL</u>
 - and approach to life: <u>GENTLE</u> and <u>HUMLBE</u> Heart
 - ♦ _____ to share HIS load:
 - * My (______) YOKE... This is about _____ joining ______.
 - * My (______) BURDEN... This is about _____ working for ______.
 - BEFORE I can Walk for _____ I need to know the why is _____ !!!



Taking a <u>stand</u> for Jesus is not easy. In the following verses answer the questions as you consider what it means to be a witness for Jesus in your daily <u>walk</u>. As you <u>sit</u> and rest in Him this week and study the word may the <u>Lord HIMSELF</u> strengthen you.

<u>Monday</u>: Genesis 3.1-24 What do we learn about the devil's tactics here? What do we learn about God's love and God's justice here? In verse 15 what do we learn about the eternal battle between good and evil?

<u>Tuesday</u>: Isaiah 54.17 How can this promise help us in our daily lives? What is the key to having this promise active in your life? <u>Wednesday</u>: 1 Peter 5.6-11 What is the attitude the believer should have toward life? Toward the Devil? Toward Suffering? What is the key to successful spiritual growth?

<u>Thursday</u>: Revelation 2.1-7 We have spent the last five weeks in book of Ephesians learning about the Church, Kingdom, and Christian conduct (sit, walk and stand). Here in Revelations we have a letter from Jesus to this church. What had they done right as a church? Where had they come up short as a body of believers? What do you think the key to understanding the message Jesus sent this church is?

<u>Friday</u>: Ephesians 6.12 How is this battle different and difficult? What does it take for a believer to be victorious in this fight?

BONUS: Galatians 9.19-21 How should these verses guide our lives in reference to personal conduct? How should they guide the church in ministry and mission? Why did Paul add the phrase "and things like these..."?

Stand on the OFFENSIVE

- Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that <u>you do not understand</u> the ______ or the power of God? Mark 12.24
- Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the

'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES'?

Matthew 21.42, Psalm 118.22-23

- "...blessed are those who hear the _____ of _____ and observe it." Luke 11.28
- "______ to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Matthew 23.13, 14, 15, 23, 25, 27, 29 "______ to you, blind guides, Matthew 23.16
- Jesus took His stand against EVIL with the _____ of _____ as His _____ no matter who he went up against.



Believer must use to be successful:

- 1. ______ with <u>CHRIST</u> and Rest!
- 2. _____ as you <u>WITNESS</u> to the world.
- 3. ______ firm in truth against evil with the <u>SWORD</u>

of the LORD .

Sit down with Jesus' FAMILY

- The apostles gathered together with Jesus; and they reported to Him all that they had done and taught. And He said to them, "Come away by ________ to a secluded place and _______ a while." (For there were many people coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.) ______ went away in the boat to a secluded place by ______. Mark 6.30-32
- Believers are called to _____ with Jesus.
- Our time _____ is part
 of our _____ with Jesus.

Walk as HIS Representatives



- I (Paul) "implore you to ______ in a manner Worthy of the calling." Eph. 4.1
- _____ no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, Eph. 4.17
- _____ in <u>love</u>Eph. 5.2
- _____ as children of Light Eph. 5.8
- _____, not as unwise men but as <u>wise</u>Eph. 5.15
- This is _____ as Believers in a manner that makes those watching our lives think of Jesus.
- the disciples were first called _____ in Antioch. Acts. 11.26
- Can the disciples of Jesus here at Sonrise Church be called ______ in Olympia?

You REPRESENT Jesus

• "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross ______ and

_____. Luke 9.23

- This is ______ as Believers in a manner that is:
 - ♦ _____ and not put on or temporary
 - ◊ _____ as followers of Jesus
 - ◊ _____ the message of the Word of God.

Standing FIRM against EVIL

Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to
 ______ against the schemes

of the devil. Eph. 6.11

- This is not about being ______ and just filling up space till you go home to be with Jesus.
- This is about taking a _____ and _____ to back down or give in to evil.

Stand FIRM in the CHURCH

Then they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to ______ those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves; and He ______

_____ anyone to carry merchandise through the temple. And He began to teach and say to them, "Is it not written, '<u>MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED</u> <u>A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS'</u>? But you have made it a **ROBBERS' DEN**." Mark 11.15-17

- In the _____ we must make a stand against all Evil and Lies if we are going to represent Christ in this world.
- We do this by Remaining true to the ______ of <u>GOD</u>, which is the ______ of the <u>SPIRIT</u> and our ONE ______ against evil.



Stand with the WORD

- When tempted by the devil Jesus responded or took
 His ______ using the Sword of the Spirit, the <u>Word</u>
 <u>of God</u> as His weapon.
- 1. <u>DEVIL</u> to _____: Turn this stone into Bread
- 1. ______to <u>DEVIL</u>: "IT IS ______, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"
- 2. <u>DEVIL</u> to _____: Throw yourself down and angels will catch you
- 2. _____ to <u>DEVIL</u>: IT IS _____, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"
- 3. <u>DEVIL</u> to _____: I will give you power and wealth if _____ bow down to me.
- 3. JESUS to <u>DEVIL</u>: "Go, Satan! For IT IS ______, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"