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Decisions that Encourage Discipleship

Choosing to intentionally grow into Christlikeness.

*“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge” Hosea 4:6*

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**Unit 101 Choosing to leave the place where Jesus finds me.**

*(Luke 9:23a) “if anyone will come after me…”*

**Unit 102 Choosing to Serve Jesus where He Leads me.**

*(Luke 9:23b) “…let him deny himself…”*

**Unit 103 Choosing to Learn from Jesus as He guides me.**

*(Luke 9:23c) “…take up his cross daily…”*

**103.3 “The Joy of Cross-bearing”**

**Hebrews 12:1-3** *“Therefore, since we also have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let’s rid ourselves of every obstacle and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let’s run with endurance the race that is set before us,****2****looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith,* ***who for the joy set before Him endured the cross,*** *despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”*

\*\* The Witness of those who have gone before bearing “crosses.”

\*\* The Witness of Jesus who bore our cross and the world’s “crosses.”

\*\* The Witness of Scripture that there are “crosses” for us to bear!

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**The Witness of Hebrews 11**

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**(confirming Scriptures) Psalm100:4-5** *“Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courtyards with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the*

*Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His faithfulness is to all generations.”*

**John 4:23 “***God is ﻿spirit, and those who worship Him must worship ﻿﻿in spirit and truth.”* **Hebrews 13:15-16** *“Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. And do not neglect doing good and sharing; for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”*

**I Thessalonians 5:16-18** *“Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

**See also: Psalm 33:1, Psalm 95:6, etc.**

**Bearing our Cross by Loving our Friends**

**Matthew 18:18-20***"Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven. Again, I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."*

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**(Confirming Scriptures) John 14:12-14** *"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.”* **John 15:7-8** *"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.”* **John 16:23-24** *"In that day you will not question Me about anything Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full.”* **Matthew 7:7-12** *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.* *For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or what person is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf of bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? So, if you, despite being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”* **Philippians 2:5-10** *“Have this attitude in yourselves, which was also in Christ Jesus, who, as He already existed in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but emptied Himself by taking the form of a bondservant and being born in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death: death on a cross. For this reason, also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name, which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

**See also: I John 5:14-15, James 5:13-18, Daniel 9:3-11, Matthew 18:19-20, etc.**