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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…”*

**103.5 “The Battle of Cross-Bearing”**

**I Peter 4:8-10** *“Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaint.****As each one has received a special gift,*** *employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God****.”***

**1 Corinthians 12:1** *“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware.*

\*\*Each one of us has at least one gift

\*\*The gifts are to be used for God’s glory

\*\*Battles are lost when we try to win in our own strength

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**James 4:5-10** *“Or do you think that the Scripture says to no purpose, ‘He  jealously desires the Spirit whom He has made to dwell in us?’  But He gives a greater grace. Therefore, it says, ‘God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’**Submit therefore to God. But resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God and He will come close to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.**Be miserable, and mourn, and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy into gloom.  Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.”*

**Revelation 12:10-11** *“Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down, the one who accuses them before our God day and night.****11****And they overcame him because of* **(1)** *the blood of the Lamb and* **(2)***because of the word of their testimony, and* **(3)***they did not love their life even when faced with death.”*

**Ephesians 6:10-17** *“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.**Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist on the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, having belted your waist with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,* *and having strapped on your feet the preparation of the gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit,* ***which is the word of God****.”*

**II Corinthians 10:4-5** *“…For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ….”*

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12** *“Two are better than one…. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion…if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.”*

**John 4:34-38** *“Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; that he who sows, and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this case the saying is true, 'One sows, and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."*

**Hebrews 13:15-21***“Through Him then, let’s continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips praising His name. And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Obey your leaders and submit to them—for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account—so that they may do this with joy, not groaning; for this would be unhelpful for you…. Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, that is, Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.”*