

Jesus, Who Shows Us The Way

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EASY TO GET **LOST** IN THIS LIFE

1. When you were **born**,
 - a. You didn't come with
 - i. An Instruction Book
 - ii. A manual on how to raise kids
 - iii. Every parent struggles with this
2. As you **grow older**
 - a. Everybody has an **opinion**
 - b. on **how** you should live your life
 - i. Look at the commercials
 - ii. Invest your money
 - iii. Where you should shop
 - iv. What kind of food you should eat
 - v. What kind of clothes and shoes you should wear
 - vi. How you should think
 - 1) Socially
 - 2) Politically
 - 3) Religiously
 - c. The **world wants to tell you**
 - i. What's best for you.
 1. On news – at a VFW someone put a Pride Flag over it
 - a. When VFW removed it, there was a big backlash
 2. Baseball game forfeited because players refused to wear
 - a. **Pride rainbow** symbol on their hats
 3. **Homosexual movement** is being forced down our throats
 4. **Going Green** – the environment (Ice caps melting)
 5. **Al Gore (VP)** – we should have perished 5 years ago
 6. **John Kerry** – Ozone (yet flying around in personal airplanes)
3. Life can be confusing
 - a. Especially as you **venture away** from your parents
 - b. Establish your own independence
4. **You ask yourself:** How am I going to make it?

- a. Out of High School
 - b. Out of College
 - i. **Which path in life do I take?**
 - ii. **Where** do I want to live?
 - iii. **What** kind of job am I suitable for?
 - iv. **Will I** ever get married?
 - 1. Have a family?
5. These are **common questions** for young people starting out?
- a. BUT WHAT ABOUT OLDER PEOPLE
 - i. Lose your job
 - ii. Break up in a relationship
 - 1. Even after a marital breakup
 - 2. Long-term friendships
 - a. People move away
 - b. Political difference
 - c. Life situations pull you away
 - d. Someone gets offended or hurt
 - iii. Incur a lot of debt
 - iv. Your house burns down
 - 1. Or Hurricane wipes you out
 - 2. When disaster hits.
 - v. WHAT'S NEXT
 - vi. HOW DO I MOVE ON?
6. **With all the twists and turns in life**
- a. There always HAS TO BE A STARTING PLACE
 - i. *It always comes back to this*
 - b. And that is often what sends us
 - i. in a certain direction
7. More times than **Not**
- a. People **chose a faulty** starting point
 - b. Which ultimately leads them down
 - i. A path with offers little or **no** hope

8. Jesus even shares this point in his Sermon on the Mount

- a. And concludes his sermon with this point

Matthew 7:24–27

“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

SO WHERE SHOULD WE START

John 14:6

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

1. Some might say, “THAT’S PRETTY NARROW-MINDED THINKING”

- a. They might prefer,

“I am a way and a truth and one way of life.

I am just one of many different ways to come to the Father.”

- b. That is a more palatable position to take
c. It also doesn’t **exclude** the other religions people believe in

2. OUR EMOTIONS BLOCK OUR PATH TO GOD

- Nobody pays you any attention
- Nobody cares – Nobody listens
- Nobody understands you
- Unseen
- God doesn’t care about me
 - Why would He allow me to feel this way?
- a. People who are hurt have a hard time trusting God and/or people
 - i. Some become detached
 - ii. Some become self-sufficient
 - iii. Isolated
- b. We suffer and we look at it as something bad.
 - i. We fail to realize that it is **normal part of life**
 - 1) And suffering contributes to our maturity
 - i. How we learn what not to do

ii. Touch a fire, get burned – never do it again

2) It's not all bad

Hebrews 5:8 “*Jesus learned obedience through his suffering*”

Romans 5:1-5 “*Suffering ultimately produces hope*”

3. Have you ever had a friend who **wanted to help** you,
- a. but didn't understand you
 - b. or one who understood you,
 - i. but had no help for you.

Proverbs 25:19

“Like a bad tooth or a lame foot

is reliance on the unfaithful in times of trouble.”

4. **So, my question to you is:**

- a. Whose voice are you going to listen to?
- b. **Who you listen to** has everything to do with
 - i. where you end up in life

1 Kings 12:8

When King Solomon died, his son Rehoboam became king. Starting out as a young king – it says:

“But Rehoboam rejected the advice the elders gave him and consulted the young men who had grown up with him.”

- a. As a result,
- b. most of Israel rebelled
- c. and the kingdom was divided.
- d. This is one of the clearest biblical examples
 - a. of the consequences of
 - b. following **bad advice**.

Adam and Eve

Eve listened to the serpent's counsel instead of God's command.

You know the consequences of that decision!

- a. Bad advice often sounds appealing but leads to trouble.
- b. Wise people do **not** blindly follow counsel.
- c. Counsel should be measured against God's Word.
- d. **GODLY EXPERIENCED, AND WISE ADVISERS ARE A BLESSING.**

Proverbs 28:26

"Those who trust in themselves are fools, but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe."

Proverbs 13:20

"Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm."

- e. Many biblical **failures** occurred because people **ignored wise counsel** and followed foolish advice.
- 5. A good **biblical principle** is:
 - a. **"Listen to counsel, but obey God."**
 - b. When advice conflicts with God's will,
 - c. God's wisdom must always come first.
- 6. SO - **Who you listen to** is critically important
 - a. Determining the outcome of your life
 - b. We all need help
 - c. We all need to **listen** to someone
 - d. **Jesus is saying, He is the one with all the answers**

As we consider our topic this morning:

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3 THINGS WE SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF:

- I. NEED TO BE **AWARE** OF JESUS' DAILY PARTICIPATION IN OUR LIFE
 - 1. How would our lives change,
 - a. **IF** we could **actually see Jesus**
 - i. walking with us
 - ii. Everywhere we went.
 - iii. **The reality is** – He is with us everywhere we are
 - 2. Jesus was given the **role as High Priest** – Intercessor between Man and God
 - a. As High Priest, Jesus is able to **HELP** us

Hebrews 2:17–18

"For this reason, he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted."

- i. He had to be made like us in every way
- ii. So, he might become merciful and faithful

- iii. That he might make atonement for the sins of the people
- b. As High Priest, Jesus is able to SYMPATHIZE

Hebrews 4:15

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.”

- i. **Greek word:** Commiserate, feel Empathy
- ii. Jesus knows our suffering
 - 1. in more than an intellectual level
 - 2. **But rather**, a very personal level
- iii. We are understood – WE ARE NOT WEIRD
- iv. We are never left emotionally alone
- c. WE NEED TO BE AWAY OF JESUS’ PARTICIPATION IN OUR LIFE

II. NEED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO JESUS’ PARTICIPATION IN OUR DAILY LIFE

1 Peter 2:21–23

“To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

*“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”*

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.”

- 1. Jesus **left us an example** to follow
 - a. Even the great Apostle Paul took note of this for his own life

1 Corinthians 11:1

“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”

- b. What Jesus didn’t do was:
 - i. Jesus **didn’t** retaliate
 - ii. Jesus **didn’t** blame others
 - 1. Adam tried to shift blame to Eve
 - iii. Jesus **didn’t** hold grudges

John 14:12–14

“I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”

- 2. Need to do what Jesus did

- a. **Not only** Imitate his example
 - i. Love people
 - ii. Serve people
 - iii. Teach people
- b. **PRAY – ASK IN JESUS’ NAME**
 - i. God’s will to be accomplished in **my** life
 - ii. To know what God’s will is for **your** life
 - iii. God to use me
 - iv. To know God better – my prayer

Ephesians 1:18–21

*“I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that **you may know** the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.”*

Philippians 3:10–11

*“**I want to know** Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.”*

3. TO PRAY FOR OTHERS

John 17:15

“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.”

John 17:20–21

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.”

III. NEED TO BE DEPENDENT ON JESUS’ INVOLVEMENT IN OUR DAILY LIFE

Matthew 28:18–20

*“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. **And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.**”*

1. So practically – How do we do that?

Matthew 6:25–32

“Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.”

2. There is a real freedom
 - a. when we stop worrying about
 - i. all the things troubling
 - ii. Our world
 1. Politics
 2. Our society
 - b. Our personal well-being
 - c. Our future

1. THREE POINTS

- a. Need to be **Aware**
 - b. Need to be **Responsive**
 - c. Need to be **Dependent**
2. Because of **who Jesus is** and **what he accomplished** on the Cross
 - a. He **can** show us the way
 - b. And one day **will take us** with him
 - c. To a place he has already prepared for us

John 14:1–3

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”