

To Be Like Jesus

DAY:

Monday

TITLE:

The Invitation That Changes Everything

KEY VERSE:

Matthew 4:19 -- "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

REFLECTION:

There is something remarkable about the way Jesus called his disciples. He did not hand them a theological exam or a list of requirements. He simply said, "Follow me." And they left everything. I have been thinking about what that kind of surrender looks like in my own life, and honestly, it is one of the most challenging things God asks of me. Following Jesus means leaving behind the version of yourself that is comfortable, self-directed, and settled. The closer I get to him, the more I notice certain things falling away -- attitudes, habits, and priorities that once felt important simply stop competing for my attention. That is not loss. That is transformation. When Jesus says follow me, he is not just giving you a direction. He is giving you a destiny. The goal of your entire Christian life is to become like him. That journey begins with one simple step -- follow.

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, I want to follow you more closely today. Help me to release whatever I am holding onto that keeps me at a distance from you. Make me more like you with every step I take.

DAILY ACTION:

Identify one habit or attitude that is pulling you away from Jesus, and ask God specifically to help you release it today.

DAY:

Tuesday

TITLE:

Every Man, No Exceptions

KEY VERSE:

Colossians 1:28 -- "Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."

REFLECTION:

I love that Paul said every man. Not the spiritually gifted. Not the ones who have been in church for decades. Every single person who has ever drawn breath is a candidate for becoming like Jesus Christ. There is no spiritual elite, no inner circle that gets to grow while everyone else stays small. When I read these words, I feel a fresh responsibility -- both for my own growth and for the people around me. God is not content to see you stay where you are. He has a picture of you fully mature, fully reflecting his Son, and he is working every single day to get you there. That means the correction that comes from his Word is not rejection -- it is an invitation to grow. Do not resist it. Let every teaching, every gentle nudge from the Holy Spirit, draw you one

step closer to looking like Jesus.

PRAYER:

Father, thank you for not giving up on me. Help me to receive your correction with a humble heart today, knowing that every word you speak over me is moving me closer to who you created me to be.

DAILY ACTION:

Spend five minutes reading a passage of Scripture and ask the Holy Spirit to show you one area where God wants to grow you right now.

DAY:

Wednesday

TITLE:

The Washing Power of the Word

KEY VERSE:

Psalm 119:9 -- "How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word."

REFLECTION:

I remember the season when I first came into ministry and discovered just how much the Word of God had to clean up in me. I thought I had it together. I did not. The Word has a way of getting into the places you do not realize are dirty. It is like water -- if you only get a little, most of the mess stays behind. But when you give yourself to the Word consistently, something begins to shift. Your mind gets washed. Your priorities get realigned. The negative voices of the world start losing their volume. I genuinely believe that the purity of your heart directly affects the depth of revelation you receive from God. If you want more of him, let his Word do its cleansing work in you daily. Do not rush past it. Sit in it. Let it scrub.

PRAYER:

Lord, wash my mind and heart with your Word today. Remove every trace of negativity, fear, and impurity that has crept in, and replace it with the clarity and peace that only you can give.

DAILY ACTION:

Set aside fifteen minutes today specifically to read Scripture slowly, pausing to let each verse settle before moving to the next.

DAY:

Thursday

TITLE:

Purity Is the Foundation

KEY VERSE:

1 John 3:3 -- "And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure."

REFLECTION:

One of the things I am most convicted about in my own walk is the connection between purity and closeness with God. Scripture makes it plain -- if you want to draw near to God, you have to be willing to let things go.

Impurity creates distance. It is not that God moves away from you, but that sin clouds your ability to sense his presence and receive his word clearly. I have found in my own life that when I allow things that do not belong -- wrong attitudes, careless words, compromised entertainment -- my spirit becomes dull. I do not hear as clearly. I do not feel that nearness the way I should. But when I choose purity, something opens up. Heaven feels closer. The Word feels alive. Purity is not about being perfect. It is about being positioned close to Jesus, which is exactly where he wants you.

PRAYER:

Jesus, I want to be close to you. Show me anything in my life that is creating distance, and give me the courage and grace to let it go. I choose purity because I choose you.

DAILY ACTION:

Do an honest personal audit today -- examine your entertainment, your conversations, and your thoughts, and surrender one specific area to the Lord that needs to change.

DAY:

Friday

TITLE:

Turn, and He Will Pour

KEY VERSE:

Proverbs 1:23 -- "Turn at my rebuke; surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you."

REFLECTION:

This verse stopped me when I first really read it. God is not withholding from us -- he is waiting on our response. The moment we are willing to turn, he pours. That word pour is not a trickle. It is abundance. It is overflow. When we humble ourselves and say, God, you are right and I am wrong, something opens in the heavens over our lives. I have seen this happen. The moment a person stops defending their old ways and genuinely turns toward God, revelation begins to flow, peace returns, and the Word comes alive in a new way. This is the beautiful cycle of growth -- God corrects, we turn, he pours, we grow, we look a little more like Jesus. Never be afraid of God's correction. It is the kindest thing he can do, because on the other side of it is more of him, and more of him is everything.

PRAYER:

Father, I am turning to you right now. Whatever you have been trying to say to me, I am ready to listen. Pour out your Spirit on me and make your Word known in my heart today.

DAILY ACTION:

Write down one area where you sense God has been speaking to you that you have not fully responded to, and take one concrete step of obedience in that area before the day ends.