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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…”*

**102-3: Exploring Justification & Walking in Your Baptism**

**Hebrews 11:6 (Enoch/NIV) *“For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God*.** ***And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”***

\*\* The story of Enoch being translated because he pleased God.

\*\* The impossibility of pleasing God without faith.

\*\* Not only believing He exists but that He actually rewards.

\*\* The necessity of rewards requiring those who **earnestly seek Him.**

**\*\*\*\*\*My Story of Irrational Exuberance in Faith\*\*\*\*\***

**Exploring Justification**

**Romans 3:10-12** (quoting from the Psalms) ***“There is no righteous person, not even one; There is no one who understands, there is no one who seeks out God; they have all turned aside, together they have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, there is not even one.”***

\*\* This is what the Scripture reveals that God sees! (Lamentations 3:7-8)

\*\* Often each of us are evaluated by what “our group” does (Ai-Joshua 7).

\*\* Righteousness and Justification come through faith! (Romans 1:17)

\*\* What seems good to us is not always what God sees (Matthew 7:13-23).

\*\* Loving Him enough to keep His word allows His presence with Us!

**John 14:23**  ***"…If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him….”***

\*\* Not employing the Word in our life becomes questionable in our lives.

\*\* What we say, even to ourselves, is not the issue—it is what we do!!!

**Walking in Your Baptism**

**Romans 6:1-18 *“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? 2Far from it! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? 3Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? 4Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life. 5For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; 7for the one who has died is freed from sin. 8Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. 10For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all time; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11So you too, consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore***

***sin is not to reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, 13and do not go on presenting the parts of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those who are alive from the dead, and your body’s parts as instruments of righteousness for God. 14For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under the Law but under grace. 15What then? Are we to sin because we are not under the Law but under grace? Far from it! 16Do you not know that the one to whom you present yourselves as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of that same one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? 17But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were entrusted, 18and after being freed from sin, you became slaves to righteousness.***

\*\* Is continuing in sin possibly the refusal to change our lives and living?

\*\* Why is baptism not always practiced by churches and Christians?

\*\* What death (vv10-11) is Paul referring to for Christian believers?

\*\* What does it mean to present yourself as a slave for obedience? (v.16)

\*\* How important is it to obey from our heart the teaching we received?

\*\* What does it mean to become a slave of righteousness? (v.18)

**Hebrews 13:7 *“Remember those who led you… imitate their faith.”***

**\*\*\*\*\*United Cry for Repentance, Anne Graham Lotz\*\*\*\*\***

HAVE YOU INVITED THE SPIRIT OF GOD INTO YOUR LIFE?

**GO FOLLOW JESUS THIS WEEK!!!**