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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…”*

**103.2 The Mind-Set of “Cross-bearing”**

**Galatians 2:20-21** *“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”*

1. **The Witness of Weakness**

**Matthew 13:31-32** *“He presented another parable to them, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field; and this is smaller than all other seeds, but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."*

**Zechariah 4:10** *“For who has shown contempt for the day of small things? But these seven will rejoice when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel—they are the eyes of the Lord roaming throughout the earth.”*

**Luke 12:28** *“Now if God so clothes the grass in the field, which****is****alive today and tomorrow****is****thrown into the furnace, how****much****more will He clothe you? You of****little****faith!*

**Luke 16:10** *“The one who****is****faithful in a very****little****thing****is****also faithful in****much****; and the one who****is****unrighteous in a very****little****thing****is****also unrighteous in****much****.”*

**Job 8:7** *"Though your beginning was insignificant, yet your end will increase greatly.”*

**II Corinthians 12:9-10** *“And He has said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in****weak****ness.’ Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my****weak****nesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore, delight in****weak****nesses, in insults, in distresses, in persecutions, in difficulties, in behalf of Christ; for when I am****weak****, then I am strong.*

1. **The Witness of Brokenness**

**Psalms 51:17** *“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.”*

**Psalm 34:18**  *“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”*

**James 4:6** *“But He gives a greater grace. Therefore, it says, ‘GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."*

**I Peter 5-7** *“…because God is opposed to the proud, but He gives grace to the humble. Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time, having cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares about you.”*

**Isaiah 57:15** *“For thus says the high and exalted One who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, and also with the contrite and lowly of spirit in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.”*

**Matthew 18:1-4** *“At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, ‘Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?’ And He called a child to Himself and set him before them, and said, ‘Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”*

**Genesis 32:22-25** *“Now he arose that same night and took his two wives and his two maids and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. And he took them and sent them across the stream. And he sent across whatever he had. Then Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. And when he saw that he had not prevailed against him, he touched the socket of his thigh; so, the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated while he wrestled with him.*

**John 17:14-23a** *"I have given them Thy word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not ask Thee to take them out of*  *the world, but to keep them from the evil one.* ***They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.****Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.**Just as You sent Me into the world, I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, so that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. I am not asking on behalf of these alone,* ***but also for those who believe in Me through their word,****that they may all be one; just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. The glory which You have given Me I also have given to them, so that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me….”*