



SHORELINE.CHURCH

WALKING WITH JESUS

*Living With
Great Faith*

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INTRO

Read **Matthew 6:25–34**

25 "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 than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 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? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? 28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 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--you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 **But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.** 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

We all know the feeling of "not enough." Not enough time, money, clothes, Instagram followers, likes on a recent post. We worry about how we look and what we eat and where we live, but Jesus didn't live this way.

How did Jesus escape the hooks of life that snag and drag us down into worry? Was it that His deity immunized Him from pain or lack? Were things just easy for Him because He was the Son of God? Did He naturally not care about what others thought or if He went without?

Hebrews 4:15 says: *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet he did not sin.*



In one episode of the television series *The Chosen*, Jesus gets a cut on his hand. Rather than miraculously healing himself, Jesus wraps his wound as any human would. In speaking about this scene, the director said that he wanted to emphasize Jesus' humanity while on earth. He wasn't immune to scrapes and bruises.

It's not that Jesus was protected from His humanity. Rather, **He modeled a life of fully trusting the Protector.**

Last month, we explored being filled with the Holy Spirit. This month, we're looking at how Jesus lived counter-culturally and inspired faith wherever He went. Rather than being consumed with the worries of life, Jesus stepped into impossible situations and changed them. Each time He did this, He glorified God and ignited faith in others. Jesus lived on mission, seeking first the Kingdom of God. And this is how we also are instructed to live.

JESUS' EXAMPLE

READ *JOHN 2:1-11* IN YOUR BIBLE.

What was the need?

What did Jesus do?

Who believed in Him as a result?



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Why did the Galileans receive Jesus?

What did He do in Jerusalem at the feast? (John 2:23)

Looking at your answers to the questions above, reflect on the different acts that Jesus performed. Journal about the significance in each situation.

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FALL CRAFT

Creative Moments Craft:

<https://creativemoments10.blogspot.com/2018/10/canning-ring-pumpkins.html>

Canning Ring Pumpkins

This simple, cute pumpkin craft uses canning rings to create a sweet pumpkin craft for your front door or inside your home. With just a few items, you can be ready for fall, and these can be customized with paint or ribbon to match your decor!

Supplies

- Spare canning rings (about 10-12 - can be found on Amazon, or ask a canning friend!)
- Pipe cleaner
- Cinnamon Sticks
- Hot Glue
- Twine or ribbon
- Spray Paint (Optional)

Instructions

1. Gather canning rings. If you'd like yours to be painted, do that step now.
2. Once rings are dry, thread a pipe cleaner through the rings and twist until they make a tight loop.
3. Cut your cinnamon stick to about 1.5" and hot glue it to the top of your ring bundle.
4. Finish off with twine, ribbon, or whatever other finishing touches you want!



WORSHIP WITH US

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READ **JOHN 4:43-54**.

List out the three main characters in the story.

What is the setting (location)?

What is the conflict?

What is the resolution?

In **John 4:48**, Jesus says, *"Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will never believe."* Contrast this with the fact that Jesus did heal the man's son.

What does this say about Jesus' statement to the nobleman?

What does this healing despite a rebuke say about Jesus?

Now, read **John 4:53** again. Who believed in Him as a result?

Many interpret v. 48 as a rebuke from Christ. However, He still chooses to heal. There are many around us who will not believe unless they experience an act of God. This need for a sign may not be God's preference, but it seems that in His mercy, He desires to show us His reality.

In **2 Peter 3:9** we read, *"He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."*

Jesus was constantly patient and merciful with His disciples and those who needed a miracle. Even when one of His own disciples doubted Him after His resurrection, He showed him the physical holes in His side and hands (**John 20:24-29**).

In **Luke 10:9**, Jesus is sending out His disciples. We read His instructions to them, *"Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"*

Though it may be easier to believe that these things are only for Jesus Himself or the original disciples, all believers in Christ are to represent Him to the world around them – not only in our conduct, but also in the power of the Holy Spirit. Everyone may not have the gift of healing, but everyone who believes in Jesus can walk in His power as to stir up faith in God in those around them.

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 12:27-31 IN YOUR BIBLE.

READ JOHN 14:10-14.

10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. 12 *Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.* 13 *And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.* 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.





OUR WALK

We will be exploring spiritual gifts in another resource, but this month, we're focusing on living a life that is surrendered to God and seeking ways to reveal Him to the world around us.

Earlier, we saw how Jesus displayed the power of God through His words, knowledge received from the Father, healing, and other miracles.

How has God revealed Himself to you in your life?

How has God used you to reveal Himself to others?

How has God used His Word or the words of others to draw you closer to Him?

What holds you back from living in a way that reveals God's power in your life?

What questions do you have about this way of life, and what will you do to explore them?



Whether you accepted Jesus as your Lord and savior today, or you have been following Him for 70 years, God wants to reveal Himself through you to the world around you. Evil would love nothing more than for us to be consumed by worry and stress about everyday life.

RE-READ *MATTHEW 6:25-34.*

What gets in the way of you seeking God's purposes first?

What do you want to focus on instead?

START WITH PRAYER: *TALK* to God

- **T**hanksgiving - give thanks for what God has already done in your life, nothing is too small
- **A**doration - spend time adoring Christ and worshipping God
- **L**istening - as you pray, try spending more time listening than speaking
- **K**ingdom focus - pray for the world and people around you to come to know Jesus Christ. Pray for God to create opportunities for you to show the love of Jesus to those around you.