



LIVING WORTHY OF THE LORD

Part 1: Dying to Live

Rubber: Meet Road

ENDURANCE OF FAITH

Peter responded and said to Him, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” And He said, “Come!” And Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water, and came toward Jesus. But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and when he began to sink, he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!”

Immediately Jesus reached out with His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, “**You of little faith, why did you doubt?**” When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, “You are truly God’s Son!”

Matthew 14:28–33 NASB

FRUITFUL LABOR WHILE HERE ON EARTH

For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. **But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me;** and I do not know which to choose. But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sakes.

Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith, so that **your pride in Christ Jesus** may be abundant because of me by my coming to you again.

Philippians 1:21–26 NASB

TO BELIEVE AND TO SUFFER ON HIS BEHALF

Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear about you that you are **standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel**; and in no way alarmed by your opponents—which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and this too, from God.

For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, **not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer on His behalf**, experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

Philippians 1:27–30 NASB

REMEMBER “UPSIDE-DOWN” WISDOM?!

And He summoned the crowd together with His disciples, and said to them, “If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. **For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.**

For what does it benefit a person to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what could a person give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

Mark 8:34–38 NASB

WALK IN A MANNER WORTHY OF THE LORD

For this reason we also, since the day we heard about it, have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will **walk in a manner worthy of the Lord**, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all perseverance and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Colossians 1:9–12 NASB

TO LIVE A LIFE WORTHY OF THE LORD

And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and

- may please him in every way
- bearing fruit in every good work
- growing in the knowledge of God
- being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might
- so that you may have great **endurance** and patience
- and joyfully giving thanks to the Father

who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light

WORTHY CONDUCT

“Paul warned that disputes and grudges would drive a wedge into the church. And churches cannot survive when relationships rub like sandpaper.

You must always work for unity, no matter what splitting headaches tend to drive your church apart. Work hard for healing and work to mend offenses.

If someone steps on your toes, and before you give in to the impulse to stomp back, ask: ‘Am I worthy of the gospel?’”

Bruce B. Barton and Philip Wesley Comfort

“When spider webs unite, they can tie up a lion.”

Ethiopian proverb

THE SPIRIT IS WILLING, BUT...

They went to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and Jesus said, “Sit here while I go and pray.” He took Peter, James, and John with him, and he became deeply troubled and distressed. He told them, “**My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death.** Stay here and keep watch with me.”

He went on a little farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if it were possible, the awful hour awaiting him might pass him by. “Abba, Father,” he cried out, “everything is possible for you. **Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.**”

Then he returned and found the disciples asleep. He said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Couldn’t you watch with me even one hour? Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. **For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak.**”

Mark 14:32–38 NLT



ORDERS FROM THE PRINCE OF PEACE, JESUS

“You have heard that it was said to our ancestors, Do not murder, and whoever murders will be subject to judgment. But I tell you, everyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Fool!’ will be subject to the Sanhedrin. But whoever says, ‘You moron!’ will be subject to hellfire.

So if you are offering your gift on the altar, and there **you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.**

Reach a settlement quickly with your adversary while you’re on the way with him, or your adversary will hand you over to the judge, the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I assure you: You will never get out of there until you have paid the last penny!

Matthew 5:21–26 HCSB

JOHN THE BAPTIST SAID...

“I’m baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. The real action comes next: The main character in this drama—compared to him I’m a mere stagehand—will ignite the kingdom life within you, a fire within you, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out.

He’s going to clean house—make a clean sweep of your lives. He’ll place everything true in its proper place before God; everything false he’ll put out with the trash to be burned.”

Matthew 3:11–12 MSG

CHAFF



WE HAVE WORK TO DO!

“As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Matthew 3:12 NASB