



Keep Walking with Jesus

Scripture: *“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”* Hebrews 12:1–3

James 1:2–4; John 16:33

Jesus Is Speaking to You

If you continue following Jesus Christ, there will be days when the road feels difficult.
There will be moments when you grow weary.
Moments when you wonder why the journey seems so hard.
Moments when you feel like stopping.
If you find yourself there, don't give up. Remain close to Him.

Understand, Jesus walked this road before you.
He knows every burden you carry.
He knows every tear you have cried.
He knows every question that weighs upon your heart.
And He will never leave you.

What Is Jesus Teaching You?

Perseverance is not about pretending life is easy.
It is about continuing to trust Jesus when life is hard.
Faith grows strongest when it learns to remain with Him in every season.
Some of the deepest lessons you will ever learn are discovered while faithfully walking with Him through trials.

Now, you may not understand everything He is doing.
However, you can always trust His heart.
The Shepherd never abandons His sheep.
He faithfully walks with them through every valley.



A Lie You May Be Believing

Maybe you've believed that difficult seasons mean you have failed Him.
Or maybe you've wondered if your struggles are evidence that He has become distant.

Now, don't miss this. Listen carefully.
Jesus has not moved. He is just as near today as He was on the day you first believed.
Now, your circumstances may change. However, His love never changes.
Now, your feelings may rise and fall. However, His faithfulness remains forever.

What Difference Does This Make?

When you understand His faithfulness, you stop measuring your walk by how easy life feels. Instead, you begin measuring it by how closely you are walking with Him.

You discover that peace is found in His presence.
Strength is found in His grace.
Hope is found in His promises.

As Jesus Christ becomes your lifestyle, perseverance becomes the quiet confidence that, whatever tomorrow brings, you will continue walking with the One who has promised never to leave you.

How Should This Shape the Way You Live?

If your heart feels weary today, don't focus on how far you still have to go.
Simply take the next step with Jesus. Open His Word. Spend time in prayer.
Tell Him honestly how you feel. Then place your hand, as it were, into His.
Remain close to Jesus.

Understand, He is not asking you to carry tomorrow.
He is inviting you to walk with Him today.

A Prayer

Father, thank You that Your Son never leaves me to walk alone.
When I grow weary, remind me that Jesus is still with me.
Strengthen my faith through Your Word.
Help me remain faithful, even when the path is difficult.
Teach me to keep my eyes on Christ and to trust Him one step at a time.
May my life continually reflect hope, endurance, and joyful confidence in my Savior.
In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.



An Invitation

Before you continue with your day, spend some time alone with the Lord.

Read today's Scriptures again.

Then quietly ask, **"Jesus, what is the next step You are inviting me to take with You today?"**

Don't think about next month.

Don't worry about next year.

Simply take today's step.

The Shepherd knows where He is leading you.

He will never ask you to walk a path that He will not walk with you.

Remain close to Jesus.

As you continue abiding in Him, you'll discover that perseverance is not the determination to hold on to Christ. It is the joyful confidence that Christ is faithfully holding on to you.

And as Jesus Christ becomes your lifestyle, you'll find yourself continuing the journey with peace, courage, and hope, because the One who began this good work in you will be faithful to complete it.