



Be Committed!

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TODAY'S READING: Mark 3

Growing in faith is not something that happens overnight, and we do not grow in faith by merely cramming more information about the Bible into our brains. Knowing what God wants us to do is good, but all of that knowledge in our heads means nothing if we do not experience what that knowledge can do in our hearts and are obedient to it. To fully experience faith, we need to practice our faith. And that takes commitment.

God keeps all His promises and puts His plans into action. Because God has followed through on those plans, we get the chance to be with God forever. We reflect God's commitment to us when we can make a plan and stick to it. One of the best plans we can make is to commit to an ongoing relationship with Jesus. Commit to practicing faith by reading God's Word, praying to Him consistently, talking about Him with friends, and living out that faith every day.

Real commitment is incredibly difficult, yet we are asked to do it every day. We are asked to commit to spouses, children, jobs, exercise programs, diets and countless other things. Many of these commitments require balance. We have to take time and effort from one thing to give to another. While this works with certain aspects of life, it does not work with our commitment to follow Jesus.

God does not expect us to be perfect. Much of the Christian life is a process of letting go of old habits and embracing our new life as a Christian. We will not always get it right, but we will keep moving forward if we remain steadfast in our commitment to God.

In Mark 3:34-35, Jesus says our commitment to Him should supersede every other relationship in our lives: "Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.'"

We are not capable of living perfect lives. Jesus does not ask for our perfection; He asks for our commitment. As Christians, we are called to press on the best we can after realizing and acknowledging our complete dependence on the sacrifice Jesus made. There can be no partial commitment when it comes to this one decision.

What step do you need to take this week to make your relationship with Jesus your No. 1 priority?

PRAYER: Lord, help me embrace my commitment to You.

TOMORROW'S READING: Mark 4

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