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Luke 9:23-26, 57-62

WALKING IN HIS STEPS

SERMON SERIES: GROWING IN CHRIST



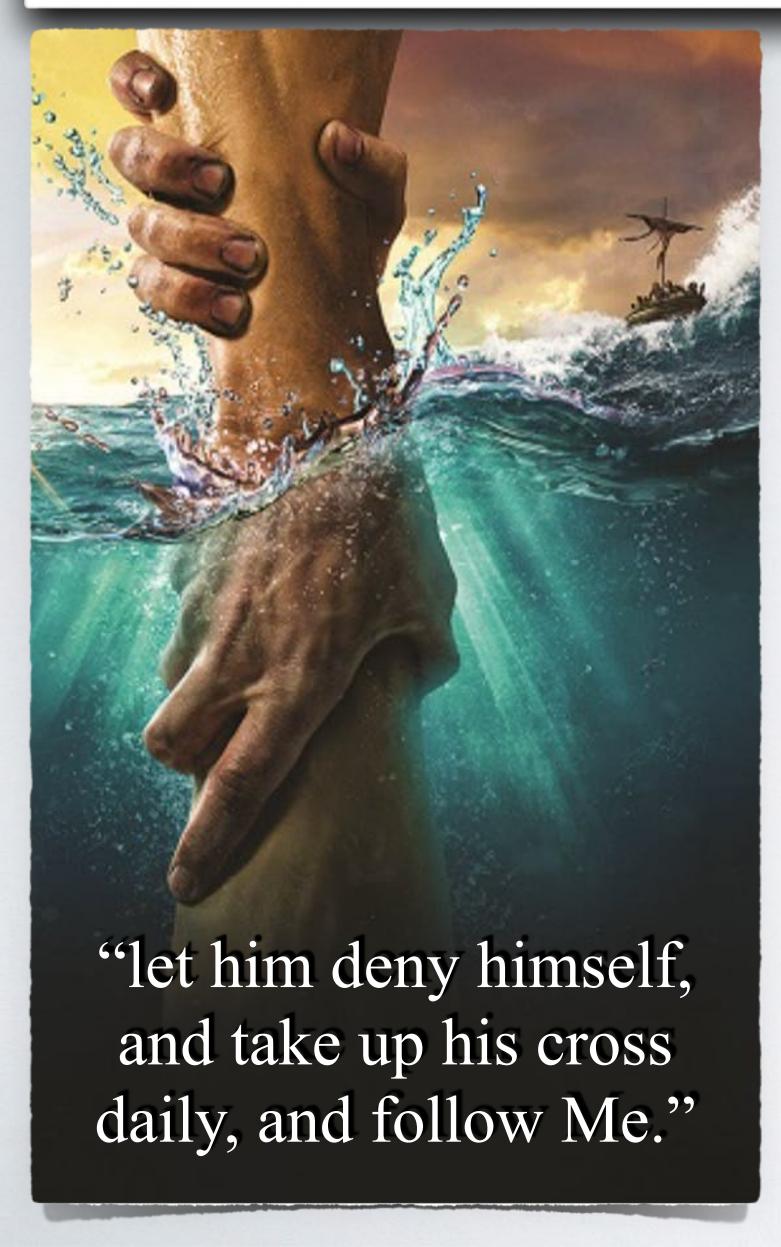
Luke 9:23-26 (NKJV)

²³ Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. ²⁴ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. ²⁵ For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? ²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.

Luke 9:57-62 (NKJV)

⁵⁷ Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go." 58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." 59 Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." 60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God." 61 And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house." 62 But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

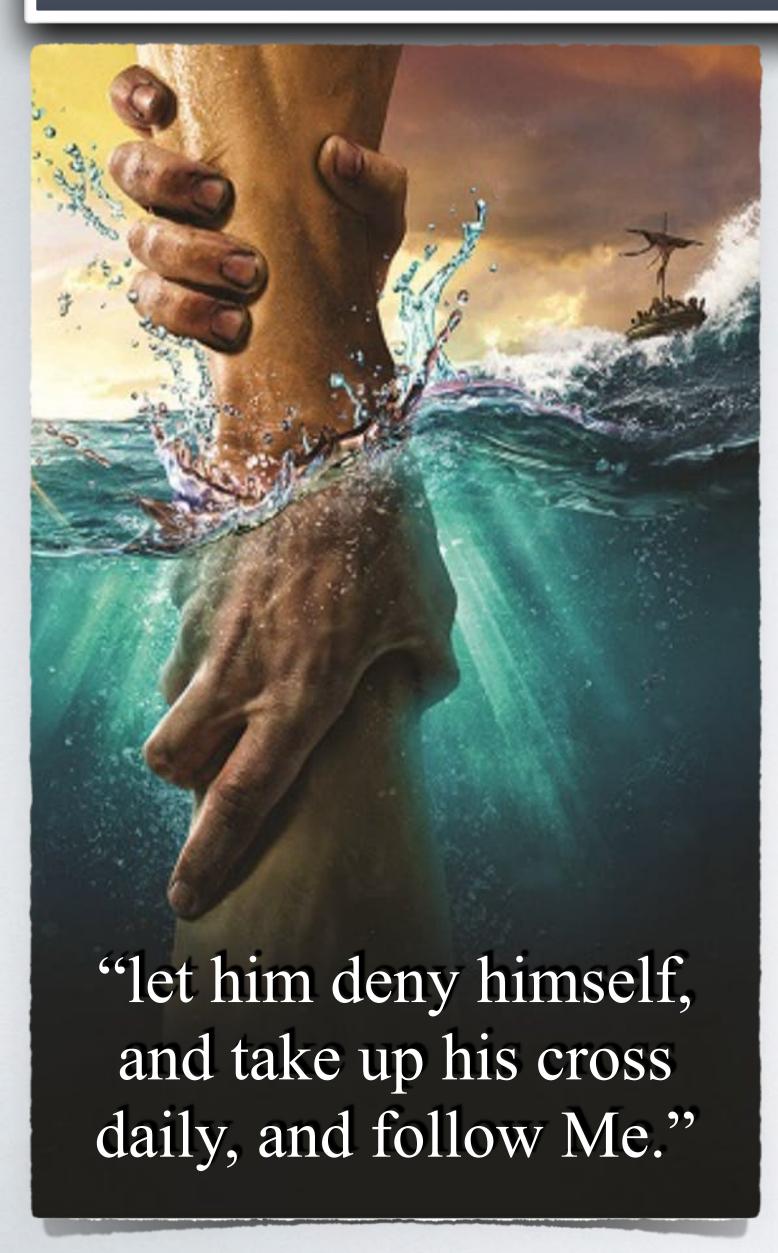
What Becoming A Christian Is All about



It's NOT ALL about ME—

- I was ruined by sin Rom 3:9-20,23,27;
 6:23; Eph. 2:12,13
- I am completely undeserving of God's mercy and grace — Rom 5:8-10; Titus 3:1-5
- I deserve condemnation, not God's love, forgiveness, acceptance, & glorification—Eph. 2:1-9; 2 Tim 1:8-12
- Being a Christian is NOT ABOUT being MATERIALLY blessed Rom 8:17,18

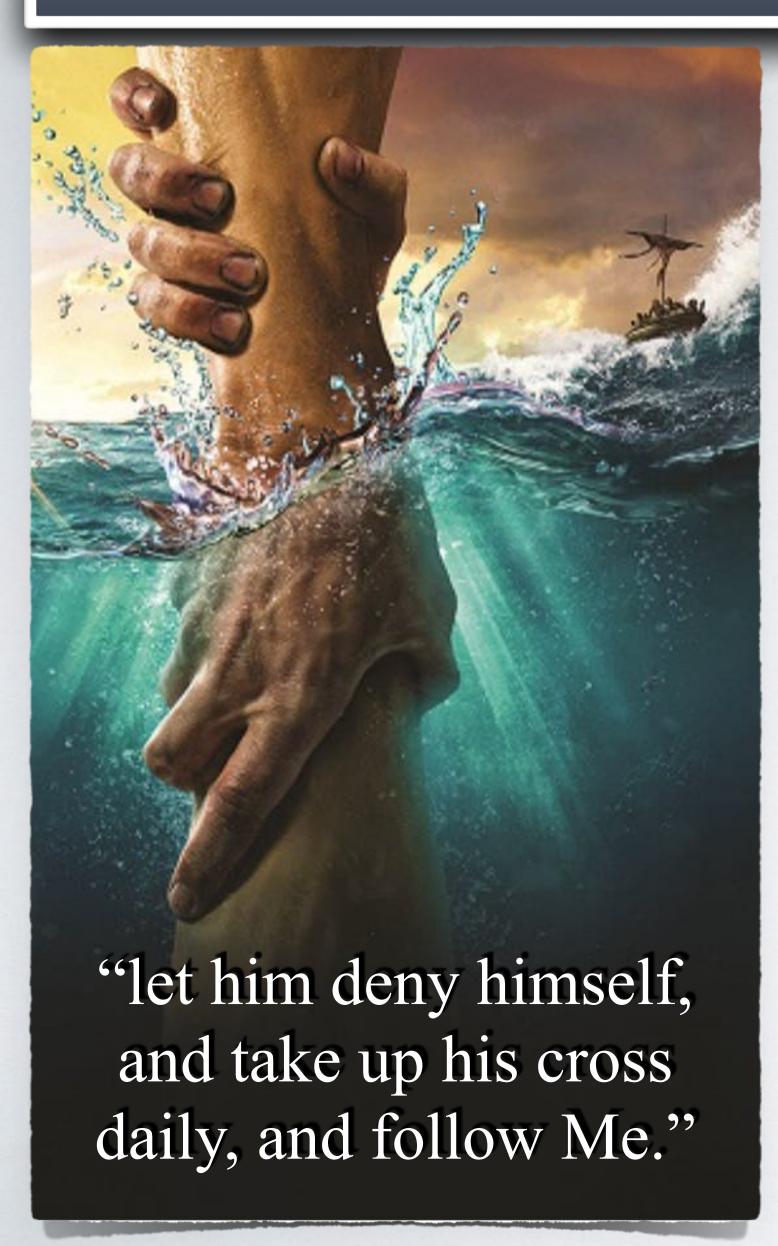
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IS ALL about JESUS —

- IDENTIFICATION: The name I wear as a disciple (Acts 11:26)
- **ASSOCIATION**: A member of HIS body (Mt. 16:18; Acts 2:47; Ep. 1:22,23; 5:23-25; etc.)
- RELATION: My Lord & Savior, whom I love, humbly follow, and obey (Luke 6:46; John 14:23,24; Col. 3:17)
- CONSECRATION: He died for me, therefore I live for Him (2 Cor. 5:14,15)

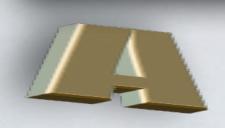
What It Means To <u>Become</u> A Christian



- ► HEAR receiving the true gospel message (Luke 8:11ff; Acts 2:14-38; Romans 10:17).
- ▶ BELIEVE conviction / confidence / submission (John 3:16; 8:24; 1 John 5:13; Hebrews 11:6).
- REPENT change of mind & action (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30; Romans 3:23; 6:23; 2 Cor 7:8-11).
- CONFESS stated public allegiance (Matt. 10:32; Luke 12:8; Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9,10).
- BAPTISM we are cleansed & joined to Christ (Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 22:16; Ro 6:3-6; Ga 3:26,27; Co 2:12,13)
- FAITHFUL we live for Christ we serve Him. (Lk 6:46-49; 9:23-26, 57-62; 14:25-34; Jn 15:1-10; Phili 3:7-16)

A DISCIPLE

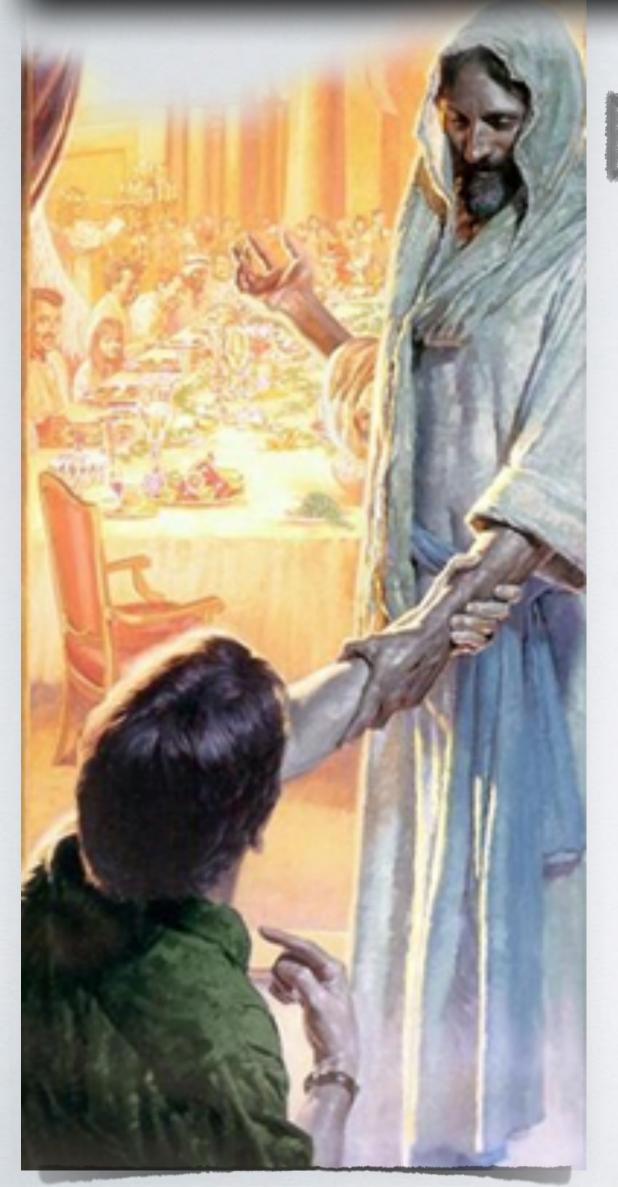
- Diligent **Student** Mat 4:4; 5:6; Act 17:11; 2 Tim. 2:15
- Enthusiastic Adherent John 6:66-69; 8:31,32
- An Imitator Mat. 10:24,25; Luke 6:40
- Becomes Closely Associated Mat. 12:46-50; John 15:14
- Fully Committed Luke 9:23-25; 57-62; 14:25-33



DESCRIPTIVE TERMS of A CHRIST FOLLOWER

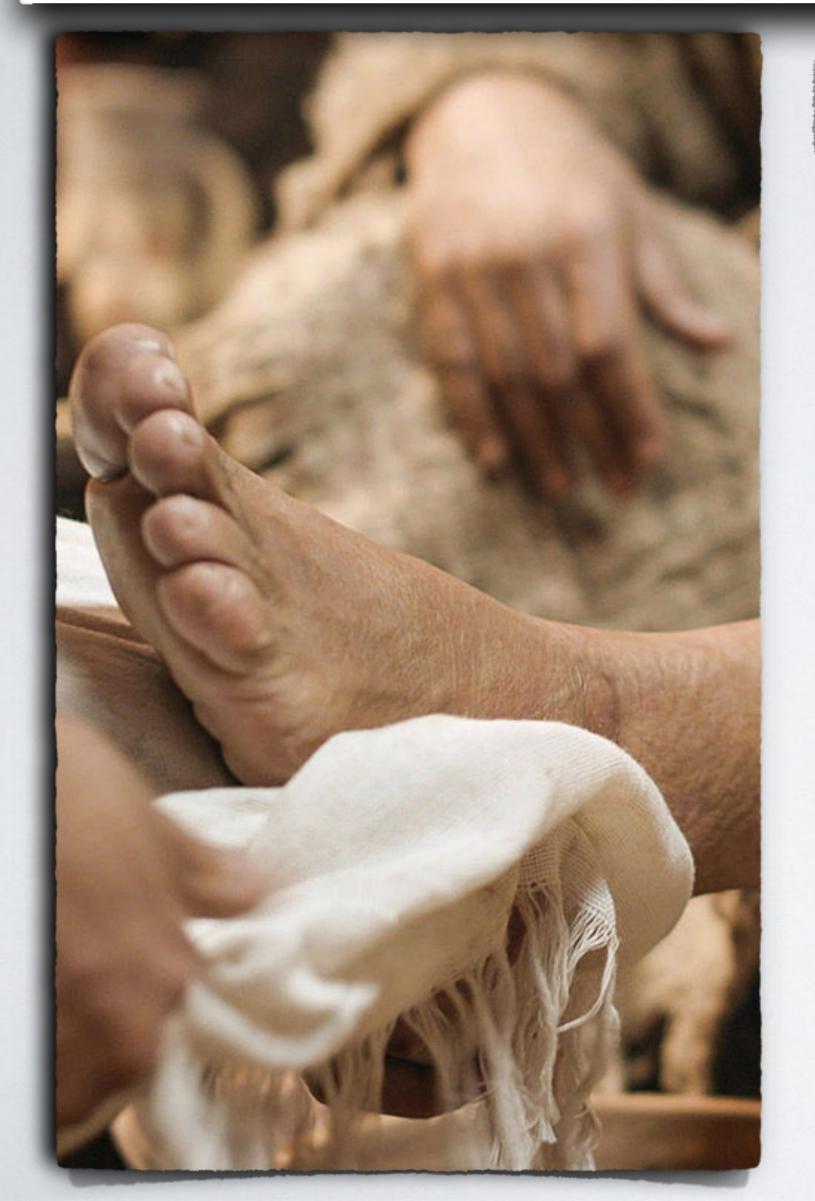


- A SHEEP − hears & follows (Ac 20:28; Jn 10:1ff)
- A CHILD resemblance / submission / inheritance (Eph. 5:1; Jn 3:3, 5; Gal. 3:26-29; Rom. 8:17)
- A **SOLDIER** fight the good fight (2 Tim. 2:3-4; 2 Cor. 10:4)
- A LABORER / STEWARD diligently work (Mat 20:1-16; 1 Pt 4:10)
- A BRANCH − bear fruit (John 15:1-10; Rom. 11:16-24)
- A PRIEST offer spiritual sacrifices (1 Pet. 2:4,5; Rev. 1:5,6)
- ABRIDE maintain purity (2 Co. 11:2; Rom. 7:4; Eph. 5:25-33)
- A CITIZEN of kingdom submission / obedience (Dan. 7:14)



ME Follow JESUS —

- We OBEY Him (Luke 6:46-49; 1 Jn 2:3-6; Heb 5:8,9)
- We BEAR Fruit (Mat. 13:23; Jn 15:8; Gal. 5:22,23)
- We Develop Godly CHARACTER (Mat. 5:3-12; Col. 3:12-16; 1 John 3:3)
- We are Good STEWARDS (Mt. 25:14-30; 1 Cor. 4:1,2)
- We **SUFFER** with Him & for Him (2 Tim 3:12; Jno. 16:2,33;17:14. Ac. 14:22)
- Will be WITH HIM in GLORY (Jn 14:1-6; Rom 8:29; Phil. 3:7-11, 21; 1 Cor. 15:49; 2 Cor. 3:18; 1 Jn 3:2,3).



Becoming like JESUS —

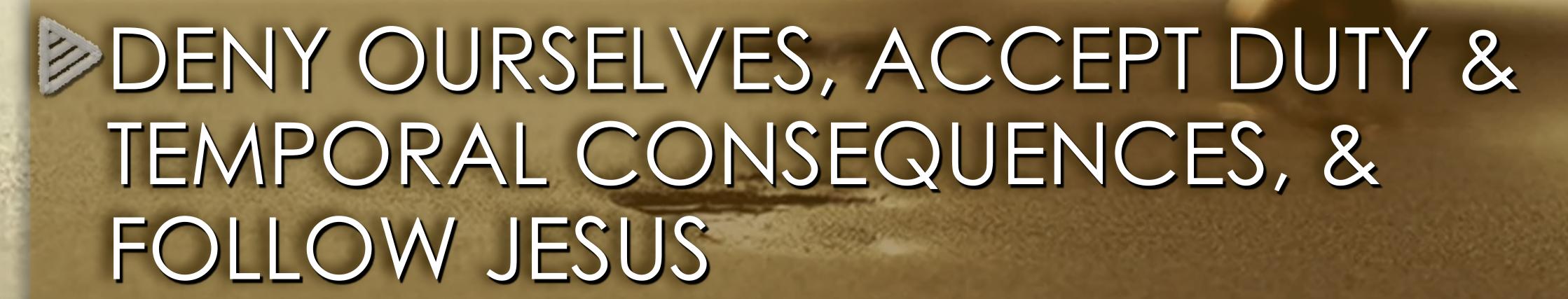
- Through **TEACHING / LEARNING** Mat. 28:18-20; 2 Tim 2:2; Eph. 4:11-15
- Through KNOWLEDGE / UNDERSTANDING Mat. 13:10-23; 17:10-13; 2 Pet 3:15-17; Col. 1:9,10; 14
- Through **TRAINING / DOING** Luke 9:1-6; 10:1-20; Jam 1:22
- With PATIENCE Mat. 15:12-17; 17:17-21; Luke 9:46; 22:24; 2 Tim 4:2; Ja. 5:7,8

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- Have you OBEYED the gospel of JESUS CHRIST?
- Are you LEARNING ALL YOU CAN about JESUS?
- Are you FOLLOWING JESUS as LORD?
- Are you BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS?

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BE FAITHFUL - DON'T LOOK BACK



You CAN Become A Christian Today IF YOU WILL ACCEPT THE COST (Temporal cost / Eternal Reward)

Romans 8:28-39; 1 Cor. 15:58; 1 Peter 5:8-11

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Where We Are Going

- 1. What Becoming A Christian Is All about
- 2. What We Have In Christ
- 3. Increasing In The Knowledge of God
- 4. Standing Against Evil Forces
- 5. Giving All Diligence To Grow
- 6. Bearing Fruit That Honors God
- 7. Growing By Serving In The Body
- 8. Living For Heaven Keeping Our Focus

