

BE A STUDENT, NOT A VICTIM - PART 6

Studying through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These study points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

Main Idea: The Christian life is the best life there is because it's the only true life. To know Christ is to know God, and to know God is to have eternal life. The paradox is this: *If you follow Christ, you have to lose your life in order to save it.* None of this is easy to do, because where there is no pain, there is no gain.

Key Questions:

- Why is it hard for most of us to "count it all joy" when we face hard times?
- How would your life be changed if you came to regard your struggles as a gift from God meant for your benefit rather than burdens to be carried or punishments to endure?
- In what area of your life is God calling you to "pray and stay" right now?

Optional Questions: If needed, include one or more of these scriptures and questions to extend your study time.

- Why is the truth of God's sovereignty absolutely essential to finding joy in the midst of our trials?
- "*Your struggle with sin is proof of your divine heritage.*" According to 1 John 1:10, what are the two negative results of denying our own sinfulness?

Next Step: Is God calling you to "go forward" in some area of your life? If so:

- Thank God for His call on your life
- Affirm your confidence that God knows what is best for you
- Tell the Lord that you intend to go forward as He leads you step by step

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Day 1: 1 Peter 1:6-7

Day 2: Ephesians 6:10-11

Day 3: Psalms 48:14

Day 4: Galatians 5:22-23

Day 5: Revelations 13:18

Day 6: Job 23:10

Day 7: Numbers 32:23