



My whole being **follows hard after You** and clings closely to You; Your right hand upholds me. Psalm 63:8

Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst** for righteousness, For they shall be filled. Matthew 5:6

## I. When God Calls You to a Deeper Walk

Our God is calling us to have an intimate and vibrant loving relationship with Himself. John 6:44

Our learning must **be from Him not just about Him**. We must begin to **work with Him, not just for Him**. God reveals Himself to all who seek Him with all their heart.

Jesus went through His earthly ministry, calling people to Himself. Some of His invitations were intensely personal; some were plainly understood to be for all. All His invitations were a call to know Him personally and be acquainted with all He offers.

### A. A closer walk begins with a personal call.

God calls for people to return to Him, to recommit to Him, to **realign** themselves to Him.

A closer walk can only begin when you respond. The voice of Almighty God is calling your name. The same voice that called to Moses from a burning bush is calling out to you. The same voice that called Samuel in the tabernacle is calling out to you. The same voice that called Lazarus back from the grave is calling out to you. **God is calling, will you respond?**

### B. God will bless those who pursue Him.

God is searching for people He can pour His blessings on. God is calling us to have an intimate and vibrant loving relationship with Himself.

God has promised to pour His blessing on those who are committed to following after Him.

**Core Point:** As we make it our endeavor to walk close to Jesus, we learn greatly from how He walked with His disciples during His journey to the cross and after His resurrection.

## II. Choosing To Respond to His Higher Call

*"Is anyone thirsty? **Come and drink**—even if you have no money! **Come, take your choice** of wine or milk—it's all free! Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen, and I will tell you where to get food that is good for the soul! **"Come to me** with your ears wide open. Listen, for the life of your soul is at stake. I am ready to make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you all the mercies and unending love that I promised to David. Isaiah 55:1-3*

We live in a world of constant conflict of pursuits. What we decide to pursue in life determines what we will be shaped by in our lives. Life will compete for the focus of your spiritual desire. Evaluating your passion and redirecting it as necessary will keep your energy and motivation directed at the most important in your life.

**But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.** Matt. 6:33

Answering His higher call results in higher **convictions**.

### A. A conviction that leads to yielding to Him in all things.

We find ourselves not easily satisfied in life and the solution is only found in moving to higher spiritual ground that gives **more of ourselves to God** than we have before.

### B. A conviction that leads to a deeper prayer life.

Prayer is the means that we have access to the resources of heaven. Prayer gives us the opportunity to show God our love for Him, confess our sins to Him, thank Him for all of the blessings He has given to us, and request assistance from Him.

Prayer allows you to make an impact on the world around you. Prayer makes an impact in your life, an impact on the lives of those you are praying for and an impact on the life of the church. Prayer actually changes people, starting with **you**.

### C. A conviction that leads to turning.

A turning away from **sin**. Sin keeps us separated from a right relationship with a loving God. Sin disrupts His flow of power, provision and blessing into our daily living.

We should turn toward God in **all things of life**.

**Core Statement:** I will seek to walk in close fellowship with Jesus, my great companion in life! My walk with Him will carry me through anything that I face in life. I will believe in Him, who walks with me!