

Session Six:

## Walking in Command: See it Through

**John 14:15** *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

**You ever feel like going AWOL- Absent without leave?**

**I'm Saved- What does that mean? John 3:3** *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

**You can't see it but you can feel it- (NLT) John 3:4-8** *"What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?" 5 Jesus replied, "The truth is, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. 6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives new life from heaven. 7 So don't be surprised at my statement that you must be born again. 8 Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit."*

**The Change I don't See- (NLT) 2 Cor 5:17** *What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun!*

**(NLT) Eph 4:21-24** *Since you have heard all about him and have learned the truth that is in Jesus, 22 throw off your old evil nature and your former way of life, which is rotten through and through, full of lust and deception. 23 Instead, there must be a spiritual renewal of your thoughts and attitudes. 24 You must display a new nature because you are a new person, created in God's likeness — righteous, holy, and true.*

**(NLT) Col 3:5-11** *So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual sin, impurity, lust, and shameful desires. Don't be greedy for the good things of this life, for that is idolatry. 6 God's terrible anger will come upon those who do such things. 7 You used to do them when your life was still part of this world. 8 But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. 9 Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old evil nature and all its wicked deeds. 10 In its place you have clothed yourselves with a brand-new nature that is continually being renewed as you learn more and more about Christ, who created this new nature within you.*

**The Things Still in Me- (NLT) Rom 7:21-25** *It seems to be a fact of life that **when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong.** 22 I love God's law with all my heart. 23 But there is another law at work within me that is at war with my mind. This law wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. 24 Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin? 25 Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.*

**(NLT) Mark 7:14-23** *Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear. "All of you listen," he said, "and try to understand. 15 You are not defiled by what you eat; you are defiled by what you say and do!" 17 Then Jesus went into a house to get away from the crowds, and his disciples asked him what he meant by the statement he had made. 18 "Don't you understand either?" he asked. "Can't you see that what you eat won't defile you? 19 Food doesn't come in contact with your heart, but only passes through the stomach and then comes out again." (By saying this, he showed that every kind of food is acceptable.) 20 And then he added, "It is the thought-life that defiles you. 21 For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, 22 adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, eagerness for lustful pleasure, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. 23 All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you and make you unacceptable to God."*

### **See it Through!**

**Transformation is One Word at a Time- (NLT) Rom 12:2** *Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person **by changing the way you think.** Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is.*

**Conformity brings you into subjection to that which you are conforming to-**  
You cannot conquer what you're conformed to.

**Eph 5:26-27** *That he might **sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,** 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

**Titus 3:3-5** *For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. 4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, **by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;***

**Rom 5:5** *And hope maketh not ashamed; because **the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost** which is given unto us.*

Two Final Commands:

1. **Keep Control of Yourself- (NLT) Matt 16:24** *Then Jesus said to the disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow me.*

**Our Responsibility- Matt. 16:25-27** *If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for me, you will find true life. 26 And how do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul in the process? Is anything worth more than your soul?*

**We must learn to say no, when the call of a greater yes is in your life.** Choices are what determine eternity. Making the right choices will lead to a greater tomorrow, the wrong one, not so well tomorrow.

**Learning that self control is the master aptitude.** We must always understand that we are in control of us.

The way we respond to our life around us is under our control. We grow through self-control. A gain over time can be lost in a moment.

2. **(NLT) John 13:34-35** *So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. 35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."*

**Love your Neighbor- Matthew 22:39-40** *Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*

**We Must:**

- a. **Demonstrate your love for God by honoring man who is made in His image.** Learn to recognize the God in others and treat them as you treat Him.
- b. **Realize that your neighbor is every people group.** Don't allow racism and cultural differences create separation and preference with people.

**Strong Meat belongs to Maturity- Heb 5:13-14** *And a person who is living on milk isn't very far along in the Christian life and doesn't know much about doing what is right. 14 Solid food is for those who are mature, who have trained themselves to recognize the difference between right and wrong and then do what is right.*

**1 Cor 3:1-4** *Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to mature Christians. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in the Christian life. 2 I had to feed you with milk and not with solid food, because you couldn't handle anything stronger. And you still aren't ready, 3 for you are still controlled by your own sinful desires. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your own desires? You are acting like people who don't belong to the Lord. 4 When one of you says, "I am a follower of Paul," and another says, "I prefer Apollos," aren't you acting like those who are not Christians?*

**The Kingdom Function on Meat- (NLT) Luke 8:40-44** *On the other side of the lake the crowds received Jesus with open arms because they had been waiting for him. 41 And now a man named Jairus, a leader of the local synagogue, came and fell down at Jesus' feet, begging him to come home with him. 42 His only child was dying, a little girl **twelve years** old. As Jesus went with him, he was surrounded by the crowds. 43 And there was a woman in the crowd who had had a hemorrhage for **twelve years**. She had spent everything she had on doctors and still could find no cure. 44 She came up behind Jesus and touched the fringe of his robe. Immediately, the bleeding stopped.*

**Luke 9:14-17** *"Just tell them to sit down on the ground in groups of about fifty each," Jesus replied. 15 So the people all sat down. 16 Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and asked God's blessing on the food. Breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread and fish to the disciples to give to the people. 17 They all ate as much as they wanted, and they picked up **twelve baskets** of leftovers!*

**Maturing is the process of taking adversity and experience and re-framing it so that it serves to expedite your destiny. 1 Cor 13:11** *When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*

Growth raises us to be equipped in an effort to move from being cared for, to caring for. It's like children; they need parents to provide, care for etc. As they mature and grow they move to a less and less dependent state, to finally having their own children.

**Moving from milk to meat in the kingdom is the ability to perceive what is given, digest it and walk in the strength of it.**

**Recap:**

**Foundation First- Building Blocks of Life-** You can either build your life on the sinking sand or on the solid rock of Christ.

**(NLT) Matt 7:24-27** *"Anyone who listens to my teaching and obeys me is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. 25 Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse, because it is built on rock. 26 But anyone who hears my teaching and ignores it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. 27 When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will fall with a mighty crash."*

**Take it from the top-** There is a life style that you have to accept in Christ, a life of walking in command.

**Jesus Walked in Command- John 15:9-10** *As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: **continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.***

**Keep Taking the Next Step- Momentum is Gained by Consistency-**

Inconsistency robs us from getting the breakthrough we need. **(NLT) 1 Cor 15:58** *So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and steady, always enthusiastic about the Lord's work, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.*

**No Excuses-** It's easy to look at things we should be doing and make an excuse of why we can't.

**(NLT) Luke 14:15-21** *Hearing this, a man sitting at the table with Jesus exclaimed, "What a privilege it would be to have a share in the Kingdom of God!" 16 Jesus replied with this illustration: "A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. 17 When all was ready, he sent his servant around to notify the guests that it was time for them to come. 18 But they all began making excuses. One said he had just bought a field and wanted to inspect it, so he asked to be excused. 19 Another said he had just bought five pair of oxen and wanted to try them out. 20 Another had just been married, so he said he couldn't come. 21 "The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was angry and said, 'Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the city and invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.'*

**Keep Your Courage-** Walking in Command takes great courage.

**Jesus the Courageous- (NLT) Luke 4:28-30** *When they heard this, the people in the synagogue were furious. 29 Jumping up, they mobbed him and took him to the edge of the hill on which the city was built. They intended to push him over the cliff, 30 but he slipped away through the crowd and left them.*

**Close:**

**See it Through-**

**Don't Give Up- (NLT) 2 Cor 4:7-10** *But this precious treasure — this light and power that now shine within us — is held in perishable containers, that is, in our weak bodies. So everyone can see that our glorious power is from God and is not our own. 8 We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed and broken. We are perplexed, but we don't give up and quit. 9 We are hunted down, but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going. 10 Through suffering, these bodies of ours constantly share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.*

**Repent where you need to- 1 John 1:9** *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

**1 John 2:1-3** *My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.*

**Keep your hand to the plough- Luke 9:62** *And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*

**Walk Like Jesus:Talk Like Jesus- Phil 2:5-6** *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:*