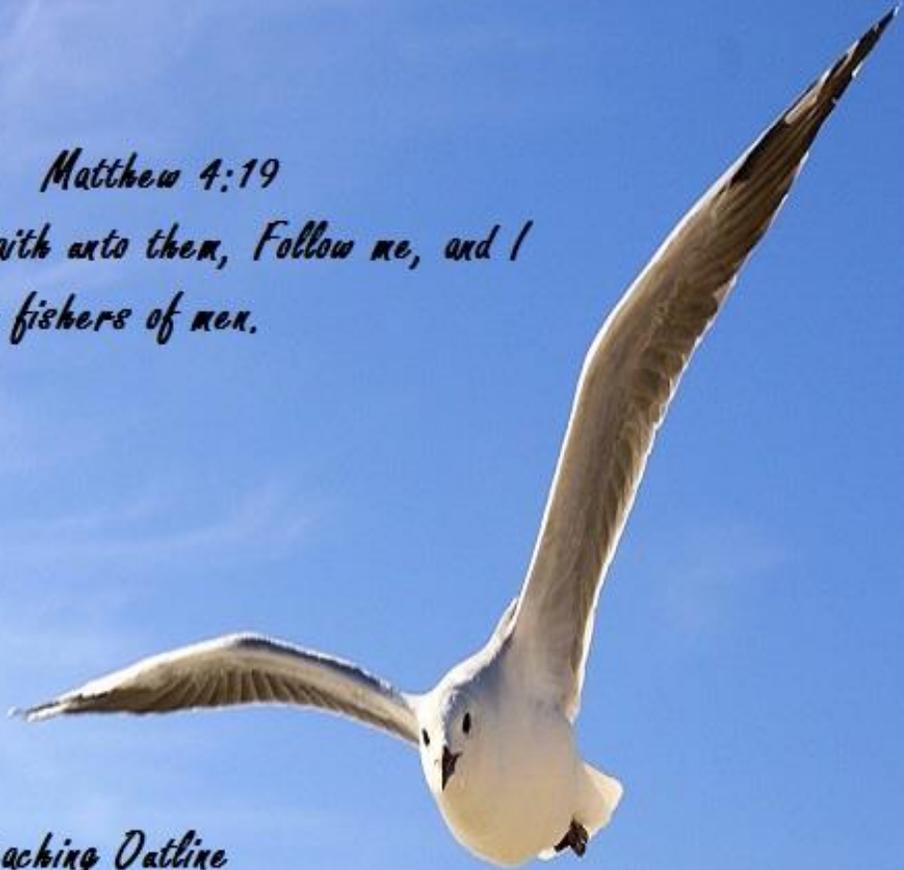


Christian Discipleship

Matthew 4:19

*And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I
will make you fishers of men.*

A Teaching Outline



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The Nature of Discipleship

John 6:45

"It is written in the prophets, 'AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to me.

Your sons will be taught of the Lord.

Isaiah 54:13

"All your sons will be taught of the LORD; and the well-being of your sons will be great.

Consecrate yourselves unto holiness.

Leviticus 11:44-45

'For I am the LORD your God Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. And you shall not make yourselves unclean with any of the swarming things that swarm on the earth. 'For I am the LORD who brought you up from the land of Egypt to be your God; thus you shall be holy, for I am holy.'"

Be holy, for the Lord is holy.

Leviticus 19:2

"Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.



They left their nets and followed Jesus.

Matthew 4:20

Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

Consecrate yourselves to the Lord your God.

Leviticus 20:7

'You shall consecrate yourselves therefore and be holy, for I am the LORD your God.

Be imitators of God, and walk in love.

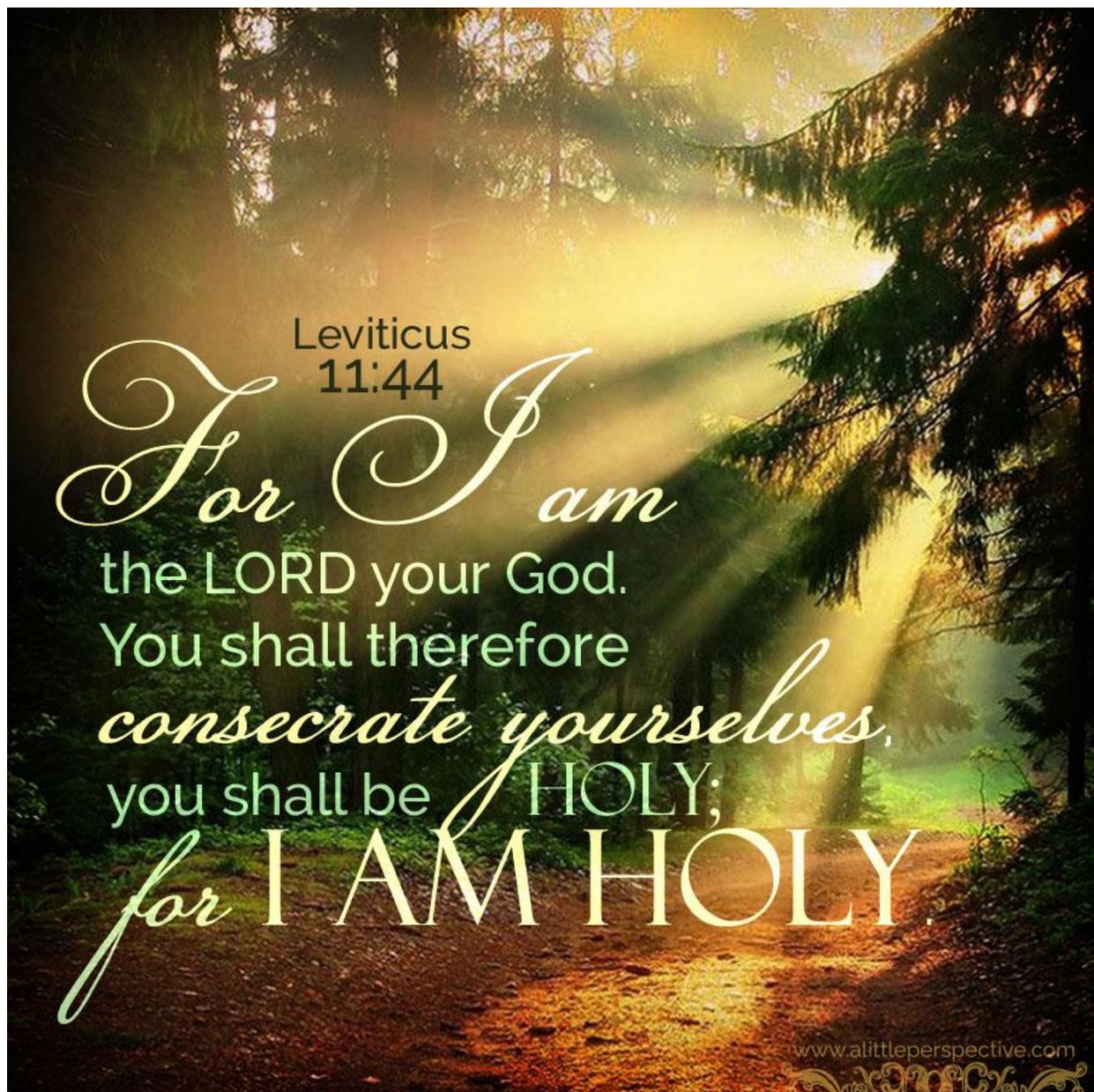
Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Engage in good deeds and be fruitful.

Titus 3:14

Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful.



You shall be holy for God is holy.

1 Peter 1:15-16

But like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

Seek and pursue peace.

Psalm 34:14

Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.

You will find rest for your soul.

Matthew 11:29

"Take My yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.

Do good so you will abide forever.

Psalm 37:27

Depart from evil and do good, so you will abide forever.

Follow the example of Jesus.

John 13:15

"For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.



Seek justice and defend those in need.

Isaiah 1:17

Learn to do good; seek justice, Reprove the ruthless, and defend the orphan, Plead for the widow.

Truth is in Jesus.

Ephesians 4:20-21

But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus,

Live no longer for yourselves, but for Christ.

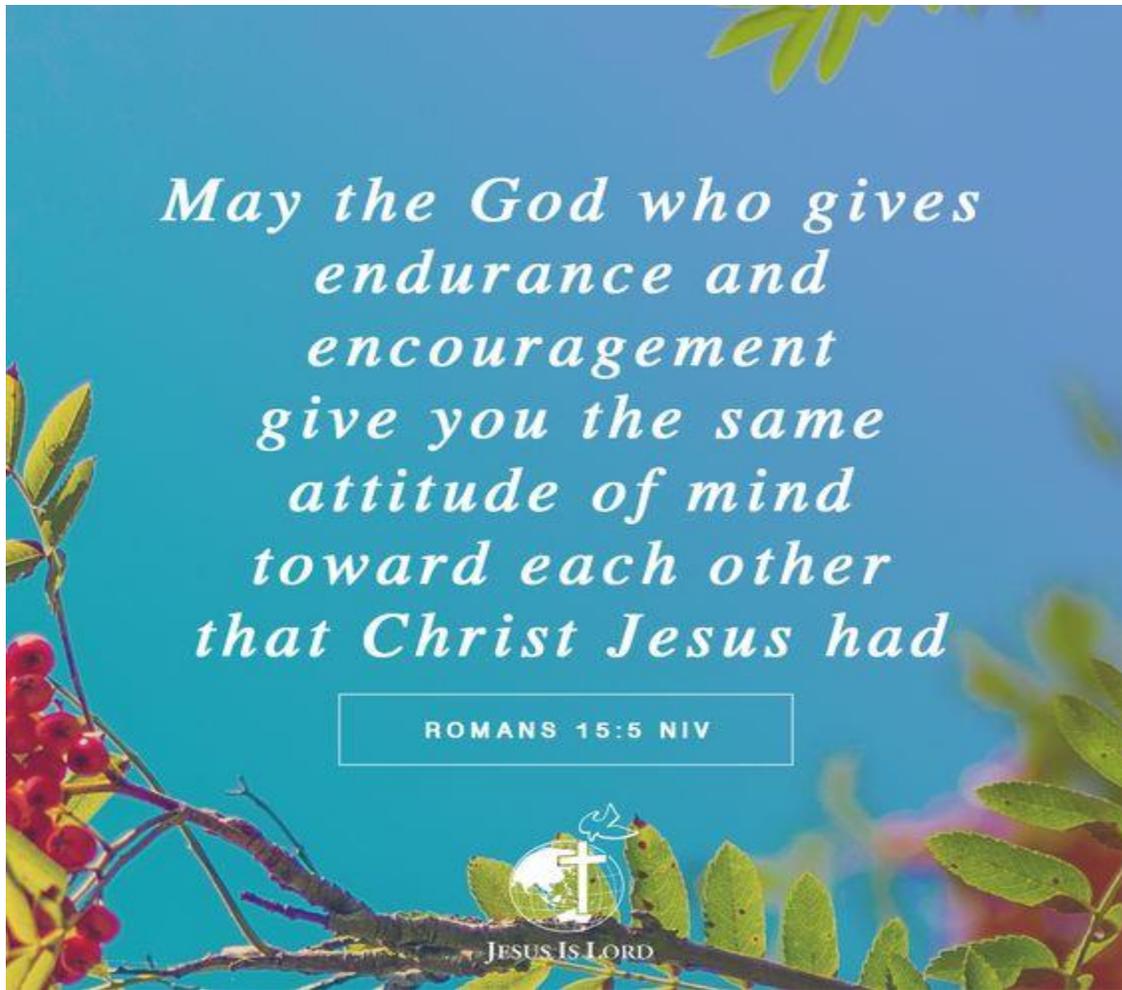
2 Corinthians 5:15

And He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

Those in the world learn righteousness.

Isaiah 26:9

At night my soul longs for You, Indeed, my spirit within me seeks you diligently; for when the earth experiences your judgments the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.



May the attitude in Christ be in you.

Philippians 2:5

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

Jesus Christ was humble, willing to give up his rights in order to obey God and serve people. Like Christ, we should have a servant's attitude, serving out of love for God and for others, not out of guilt or fear. Remember, you can choose your attitude. You can approach life expecting to be served, or you can look for opportunities to serve others.

If we live or die, it is for the Lord.

Romans 14:7-8

For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Christ left us an example to follow in his steps.

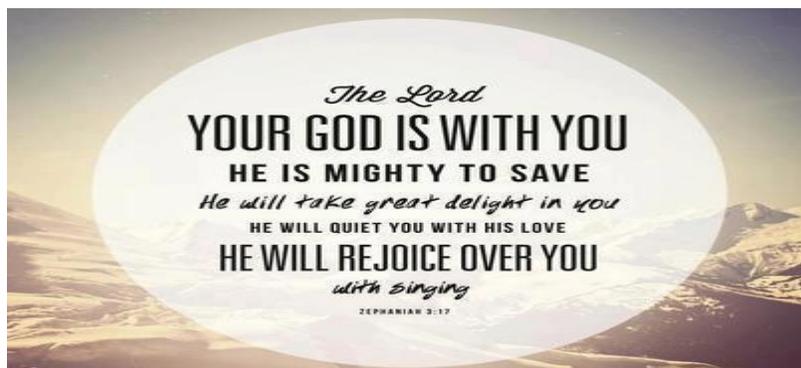
1 Peter 2:21

For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

Live for the will of God.

1 Peter 4:2

So as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.



Those who abide in Christ, should so walk.

1 John 2:6

The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

Jesus was humble in washing the disciple's feet.

John 13:12-17

So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, know you what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you,

The servant is not greater than his lord; neither had he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

The Holy Spirit will teach you all things.

John 14:26

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

The Holy Spirit will guide you.

John 16:13

"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

Speak those things you are taught by the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:13

Which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

Those who lose their life will find it.

Matthew 16:24-25

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

The Lord will give you a spirit of wisdom in the knowledge of him.

Ephesians 1:17

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

Those who know Christ, must take up their cross and follow him.

Mark 8:34-35

And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

Make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

Romans 13:14

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

I am the good Shepherd,
and I know My own,
and My own know Me.

John 10:14

My sheep
hear My voice,
and I know them,
and they
follow Me.

John 10:27



Those who follow Christ know his voice.

John 10:27

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me;

Just as a shepherd protects his sheep, Jesus protects his people from eternal harm. While believers can expect to suffer on earth, Satan cannot harm their souls or take away their eternal life with God.

There are many reasons to be afraid here on earth because this is the devil's domain (1 Peter 5:8). But if you choose to follow Jesus, he will give you everlasting safety.

2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Be transformed from glory to glory.

An invitation is given to open your heart's door to Jesus

Rev. 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

To ask Jesus to come into your heart please pray this Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. I ask you to forgive me of my sins and coming into my heart. I accept you as savior and will follow you as Lord. Amen.

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