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Life Verse: A Close Encounter

“My Spiritual Journey: Sharing the Light of Christ”

Matthew 5:13-16 (CEV)

“I have been young and now I am old. And in all my years I have never seen the Lord forsake a man who loves and obeys Him...” Psalm 37:25a Living Bible (TLB)

“But you are God’s chosen and special people. You are a group of royal priests and a holy nation. God has brought you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Now you must tell all the wonderful things that he has done.”

1 Peter 2:9 (CEV)

My Testimony: Growing in Spiritual Journey

A. The Bible

“Your word is a lamp for my feet, and a light on my path.”

Psalm 119:25 (NIV)

1. If we are reading the bible, memorizing the bible, studying the bible, we are in the correct way, we are going to be wise, in every single decision we are going to make.
2. If we are believing the word of God with faith, we are going to be saved.
3. If we are going to put into practice in our daily life, we are going to be more like Jesus.

B. Prayer

1. I need to talk with Almighty Heavenly Father, I need to share with Him my joys, needs, problems, and my struggles.
2. I need to trust that God is going to answer my prayer in His time and His will all the time.

“So whenever we are in need, we should come with bravely before the throne of our merciful God. There we will be

treated with undeserved kindness, and we will find help.”

Hebrews 4:16 (CEV)

C. The Holy Spirit

“Then I will ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit, who will help you and always be with you...But the Holy Spirit will come and help you, because The Father will send The Holy Spirit to take my place. The Spirit will teach you everything and will remind you of what I said while I was with you.” John 14:16, 26 (CEV)

1. What a blessing to have the Holy Spirit, directing us, teaching us, and guiding us in every single decision we need to make in our lives!
2. All of us are a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Two Very Important Tasks Jesus Gave Us

D. The Most Important Commandment

“One of them was an expert in the Jewish Law. So he tried to test Jesus by asking, ‘Teacher, what is the most important commandment in the Law?’ Jesus answered, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. This is the first and most important commandment. The second most important commandment is like this one. And it is ‘Love others as much as you love yourself.’” Matthew 22:35-39 (CEV)

1. As a children of God, we need to love our Almighty and Heavenly Father with all of heart, our minds, our strength, and our body.
2. The reason is because God loves us first. Imagine how great is His love that God sent His unique Son! He left His glorious place, His throne just because He loves us so much!

E. Great Commission

“Jesus’ eleven disciples went to a mountain in Galilee, where Jesus had told them to meet him. They saw him and worshiped him, but some of them doubted. Jesus came to them and said: I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth! Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.” Matthew 28:16-20 (CEV)

I met with the people of Christ Wesleyan 13 years ago doing mission trips in Guatemala, and was wonderful to see how God is using them to share the light of Jesus Christ with our world in many ways: construction teams, medical teams, and teaching English, but they are just excuses--the real purpose is to bring many people to Christ!

DO YOU KNOW THE ONE THING WE CANNOT DO IN HEAVEN?

SHARE THE GOSPEL

Challenges

F. We Are the Salt

“You are like salt for everyone on earth. But if salt no longer tastes like salt, how can it make food salty? All it is good for is to be thrown out and walked on.” Matthew 5:13 (CEV)

G. We Are the Light

“You are like light for the whole world. A city built on top of a hill cannot be hidden, and no one would light a lamp and put it under a clay pot. A lamp is placed on a lampstand, where it can give light to everyone in the house. Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16 (CEV)