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Follow me

= be with Jesus

A **relational journey**
responding to the loving
call of God

Christ's love calls near
Ephesians 2:4-6, 3:16-19

Work of art

Unearned unshakable
identity

Ephesians 2:10, Romans 8:15-17

Practice **abiding**

Learning God's heart

John 15:4,5,6,7,9,10

I will make you

= be formed like Jesus

A **transformational journey**
partnering with the work
of the Spirit

Christ's love frees
Colossians 3:1-14

Work in progress

Transformed thoughts, attitudes,
emotions, habits, priorities, desires

2 Corinthians 3:17-18, Romans 12:1-2

Lean into **pruning**

Cutting off the old or dead

John 15:1-2

Fishers of men

= be on mission with Jesus

A **multiplication journey**
of Spirit powered, others
focused service

Christ's love compels
2 Corinthians 5:14-20

Worker in harvest field

Purpose, enabling, boldness

Matthew 9:37-38, Philippians 2:14-16

Bear fruit that will last

Lives moved by love

John 15:8,16

My sheep listen to my voice;
I know them, and they follow me.

John 10:27

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Transformation Triangle



Reflections

Chosen one, hear Jesus call you as His disciple afresh...

Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”

= be with me = be formed like me = be on mission with me

In 2025, what will be my sacred response?

What am I being called to LET GO OF?

What am I being called to TAKE A HOLD OF?

Core practices / habits / disciplines to establish or bolster...

Posture Prayers

Posture 1: **Follow me** (relationship)

I thank You, Father God, that through the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, You have called me near and welcomed me into Your Kingdom. I come as I am, no pretending or pretence, with an openhearted response, through Your Spirit, as an act of worship.

Open my eyes afresh to Your glory, to the wonder of Your call, and the great treasure of knowing You more. Search my heart for all that distracts me from following You wholeheartedly. I surrender to You my brokenness, fears, self-centredness, personal preferences and need for control. Continue to reveal how these hold me in bondage to something less than Your high purpose for my life. I yield afresh, that You, Jesus, would be enthroned in the very centre of my heart and mind, my hopes, dreams and responsibilities, my yesterday, today and tomorrow.

I choose this day to follow You, Jesus. You are my way maker, good shepherd, living hope, firm foundation, life-to-the-full giver, Saviour, Messiah and Lord. It's Your heart I long to hear and be completely shaped by. Help me to receive Your love and see myself as You see me. I receive your grace afresh today, to unreservedly trust You, to truly abide in You and be sent out in Your love. Amen.

Posture 2: **I will make you** (transformation)

Gracious Father, You know the deep, inner patterns of my life that keep me from being totally Yours. You also know the wrestle I have to let You into these areas. Thank You for Your steadfast love and patience with me and the great price Christ paid to purchase my freedom. Hear the deeper cry of my heart for wholeness and by Your grace enable me to open up to Your transforming work.

I bring my whole self before You this day. No pretending or pretence. I lean into Your pruning work, trusting greater fruitfulness is Your sovereign desire. Search me, oh God, and see any part of me not in harmony with You. I surrender my thoughts, attitudes, emotions, habits, priorities and desires. Come Holy Spirit, as a work of grace, and bring conviction in every place of sin and brokenness. Father, forgive me, heal me, free me, align me and transform me. Release the everyday-a-little-more-like-Jesus me today. I respond to Your loving call and step by faith today, made new in love, and liberated to love others evermore purely and effectively. Amen.

Posture 3: **Fishers of men** (mission)

It is beyond comprehension, that You, oh Maker of the heavens and earth, have called me to be Your royal representative. While much in me feels tempted to flee this weighty mandate, I instead choose this day to embrace it and offer myself as a living sacrifice. I humbly, yet boldly, determine to live In Christ's authority, as Your ambassador, Your love-carrier, Your disciple-maker, Your light-bearer, every place I tread today.

Father God, help me see with eyes of faith, the supernatural doors of opportunity You continue to open. Grace me to continually rise above the grind, the busy blur, my insecurities, excuses and fleshly desires and to see the eternal purpose in the work and relationships You have given me. I receive supernatural wisdom, passion and strength, to steward Your gifts, take steps of faith and participate in Your redemptive purposes.

Here in this moment in time, Father, Your kingdom come and Your will be done. Come Holy Spirit and commission me afresh as a carrier of Your presence. May lives be moved by Your love Lord, may I go and bear fruit that will last and Father, may all the glory be Yours forever. Amen.

Our Jesus Is...

Our JESUS is...

The great I Am. -*John 6:35, 8:12, 10:9, 10:11, 11:25, 14:6, 15:1*

Our living hope. -*1 Peter 1:3*

The lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. -*John 1:29*

The one who holds all authority. -*Matthew 28:18*

The true light of the world. -*John 1:9*

The same yesterday, today and forever. -*Hebrews 13:8*

Our JESUS is...

The one who triumphed over sin and death on our behalf. -*Colossians 2:13-15*

The one through whom we may approach God with freedom and confidence. -*Ephesians 3:12*

The resurrection and the life. -*John 11:25*

The Word who became flesh and dwelt among us. -*John 1:14*

The one who said "I will be with you always." -*Matthew 28:20*

The one who came to seek and save the lost. -*Luke 19:10*

Our JESUS is...

The one who was pierced for our transgressions, and crushed for our iniquities. -*Isaiah 53:5*

Our firm foundation, the rock on which our lives can be built. -*Matthew 7:24*

The one through whom we see grace and truth. -*John 1:17*

The one who called us into God's family and chose us before the creation of the world in accordance with His pleasure and will. -*Ephesians 1:4-5*

The one whose love compels me. -*2 Corinthians 5:14*

Our JESUS is...

The one I am called to be an ambassador for. -*2 Corinthians 5:20*

The one through whom I bear much fruit. -*John 15:5*

The life to the full giver. -*John 10:10*

The head of the church and the one who in everything, has the supremacy. -*Colossians 1:18*

The one who calls us to run with perseverance with eyes fixed on Him. -*Hebrews 12:2*

Saviour, Messiah and Lord. -*Luke 2:11*

Our JESUS is...

The author and perfecter of our faith. -*Hebrews 12:2*

The one who calls us to freedom and who sets us free indeed! -*John 8:36*

The lamb who was slain, who is most worthy to receive all power and riches and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!" -*Revelation 5:12*

The way, the truth and the life and the only way to the Father. -*John 14:6*

The one who came not to condemn the world, but to save the world. -*John 3:17*

Our JESUS is...

The one who calls us to a wholehearted love for God and for each other. -*Matthew 22:37-40*

The one who came to destroy the devil's work. -*1 John 3:8*

Our good shepherd. -*John 10:11*

The one who prayed for us to be one, just as He and the Father are one. -*John 17:21*

The one name under heaven and earth by which we can be saved. -*Acts 4:12*

Our JESUS is...

The one whose peace can rule in our hearts, since we are members of the one body. -*Colossians 3:15*

The one who laid down His life for us and calls us to lay down our lives for others. -*1 John 3:16*

The name above all names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

-*Philippians 2:9-11*

The Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. -*Revelation 22:13*

I Am / I Have

I am God's child -*Ephesians 1:1-5*
I am Christ's friend -*John 15:15*
I am a member of Christ's body -*1 Corinthians 12:27*
I am a citizen of heaven -*Philippians 3:20*
I am hidden with Christ -*Colossians 3:3*
I am alive with Christ -*Ephesians 2:5*
I am raised up with Christ -*Ephesians 2:6*
I am born of God and the evil one cannot harm me -*1 John 5:18*
I am chosen before the creation of the world -*Ephesians 1:4,11*
I am holy and blameless -*Ephesians 1:4*
I am a joint heir with Christ -*Romans 8:17*
I am in Him -*1 Corinthians 1:30*
I am sealed with the Holy Spirit -*Ephesians 1:13*
I am the salt and light of the earth -*Matthew 5:13-14*
I am a personal witness of Jesus Christ -*Acts 1:8*
I am a minister of reconciliation -*2 Corinthians 5:17-20*
I am God's workmanship -*Ephesians 2:10*
I am a holy temple -*1 Corinthians 6:19*
I am a dwelling for the Holy Spirit -*Ephesians 2:22*
I am greatly loved by God -*Ephesians 2:4*
I am God's chosen -*1 Thessalonians 1:4*
I am righteous and holy -*Ephesians 4:24*
I am gifted and called -*Romans 11:29*
I am strengthened by God's glorious power -*Colossians 1:11*
I am a competent minister -*2 Corinthians 3:4-6*
I am able to do all things through Christ's strength -*Philippians 4:13*
I am a living stone being built up in Him -*1 Peter 2:5*
I am more than a conqueror -*Romans 8:37*
I am victorious -*1 John 5:4*

I have been marked in Christ with the seal of the Holy Spirit -*Ephesians 1:13*
I have confidence that God will perfect His work in me -*Philippians 3:20*
I have been given a spirit of power, love and self-discipline -*2 Timothy 1:7*
I have been lavishly given God's glorious grace -*Ephesians 1:7-8*
I have been made righteous -*2 Corinthians 5:21*
I have redemption -*Ephesians 1:8*
I have hope -*Ephesians 1:12*
I have been established, anointed and sealed by God -*2 Corinthians 1:21-22*
I have been healed by the stripes of Jesus -*1 Peter 2:24*
I have access to the Father -*Ephesians 2:18*
I have the mind of Christ -*1 Corinthians 2:16*
I have freedom in Christ -*John 8:32*
I have been made alive in Christ -*Ephesians 2:5*
I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing -*Ephesians 1:3*
I have been appointed to bear fruit -*John 15:16*

Self-Examination

“God give me a **deep humility**, a **well-guided zeal**, a **burning love** and a **single eye**, and then let men or devils do their worst.” 18th century theologian/evangelist George Whitefield

DEEP HUMILITY:

1/ Have I looked down on anyone?

I will accept and consider the free grace of Jesus until I sense decreasing disdain and prideful postures, since I too am a sinner.

2/ Have I been too stung by criticism?

I will accept and consider the free grace of Jesus until I sense decreasing pain over criticism, since I should not value human approval over God's love.

3/ Have I felt snubbed or ignored?

I will accept and consider the free grace of Jesus until I sense an easing of my need to receive attention, since my identity and security are in the Lord.

A WELL-GUIDED ZEAL:

1/ Have I avoided people or tasks that I know I should face?

I will accept and consider the free grace of Jesus until there is no cowardly avoidance of hard things, since Jesus faced the very worst on my behalf.

2/ Have I been anxious or worried?

I will accept and consider the free grace of Jesus until there is no anxious fixating, since Jesus' death proves that God cares and will watch over me.

3/ Have I been rash or impulsive, failing to be prudent?

I will accept and consider the free grace of Jesus until there is no lack of strategic boldness, since my high call is to press on toward Christ's goal for me.

A BURNING LOVE:

1/ Have I thought unkindly of or spoken harshly to anyone?

I will accept and consider the free grace of Jesus until there is no coldness or unkindness, as I think of the sacrificial love of Christ for me.

2/ Have I been impatient or irritable?

I will accept and consider the free grace of Jesus until there is no impatience, as I think of His patience with me.

3/ Have I been self-absorbed, indifferent or inattentive to people?

I will accept and consider the free grace of Jesus until there is no indifference, as I think of how God is infinitely attentive to me.

A "SINGLE" EYE:

Am I doing what I do for God's glory and the good of others or am I being driven by my:

1/ fears? 2/ need for approval? 3/ love of comfort and ease? 4/ need for control?

5/ hunger for acclaim and power? 6/ selfish desires?

I will accept and consider the free grace of Jesus until there is decreasing drawing and a fresh strength to stand against these temptations.

PRAYER:

Gracious and loving God, you know the deep inner patterns of my life that keep me from being totally yours. You know the misformed structures of my being that hold me in bondage to something less than your high purpose for my life. You also know my reluctance to let you have your way with me in these areas. Hear the deeper cry of my heart for a greater transformation into Christlikeness and by your grace enable me to be open to your loving, empowering, transforming presence. God give me a **deep humility**, a **well-guided zeal**, a **burning love** and a **single eye** for You!

St Patrick's Breastplate Prayer

According to tradition, St. Patrick wrote 'the breastplate (referring to the piece of armour worn in battle) prayer' in the mid 400's A.D. as he travelled as a missionary into then pagan Ireland. St Patrick and other courageous men and women of God helped change the spiritual landscape of a nation. As we step daily as Christ's people into our secular world, the words of this prayer (in abridged form here) can provide some ancient yet fresh language as we find our protection, hope, focus and strength in Christ.

"I arise today: through a mighty strength of the Trinity, through belief in the Threeness, through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation.

I arise today: through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism,
Through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial,
Through the strength of His resurrection with His ascension,
Through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom.

I arise today through: God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's host to save me: from snares of devils,
From temptation of vices,
From everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near.
I summon today all these powers between me and those evils,
Against every cruel and merciless power that may oppose my body and soul;
Christ to shield me today.

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

I arise today: through a mighty strength of the Trinity, through belief in the Threeness, through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation."