

JOURNEY WITH JESUS

Joshua 1:9 “Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Jesus became a man that He might do what we could never do - live a life that fully pleased God. He was tested and tempted beyond measure but overcame on every point, and remained the pure and spotless Lamb of God. He was God's sacrifice for our sins who laid down His life for us, so that when we believe in Him as our Saviour and Lord we might have eternal life.

Jesus told us that no one comes to the Father except by Him (*John 14:6*). He left us an example and as we follow Him day by day, the Holy Spirit our Helper, gives us the wisdom we need for every step. We have been called into fellowship with Jesus and are able to enjoy His presence with us at all times which gives us the privilege of an intimate relationship with Him.

It's His desire that we make this journey together. Jesus loves us so much and He wants us to be yoked together with Him at all times. He told us that His yoke is easy and His burden is light, (*Matthew 11:29,30*). What a difference it makes to know His strength and support along the way. We find in Jesus all we need, and as we journey the path He has prepared for us we are able to move forward with Him and experience all the good things God has in store for our lives.

It is so easy to slip into trying to find our own way through life, but then we can never fully please God and receive the blessings He wants us to enjoy. I believe He waits patiently for us to cease from striving to do our best and to understand just how much we really need Him. What a blessing it is when we learn to trust Him fully. Victory is ours when we allow Him to live His life in and through us.

There may be valleys and shadows along the way but we need fear no evil knowing He is with us. As our constant companion and guide He is always ready to give us comfort and direction when we need it.

I remember the time when God told me that He would shine a light upon my path and that He would not let me go astray. What confidence this gave me. Surely this is His promise to all who will trust Him and walk in His ways. God gives us wonderful hope through His word which says, “The path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.” (*Proverbs 4:18*).

Heaven will be glorious but we can enjoy a foretaste of heaven here on earth when we journey each day with Jesus. He is the one who will not only provide for our earthly needs but by His presence with us He will satisfy the longings of our hearts and fill us with joy beyond compare.

The more we learn to believe God's love for us and to trust in Jesus, the more we will live a life that is fearless and free.

I have set My love on you for you are the apple of My eye. I have planned good things for you, things that will delight your heart as one who desires to do My will. As you spend time with me and wait for My counsel, I am able to lead you night and day. I will breathe life into you for your journey and I will strengthen you so that you do not become weary. Hope in Me, lean hard on Me, and your heart will be securely anchored in My love.