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EXPERIENCING LIFE WITH JESUS



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Part 2: Flourishing || 2 Corinthians 3:18, Colossians 3:1-5 (MSG)

**For a disciple, there's always more LIFE
to experience with Jesus - intimate, joyful, flourishing life.**

1. A disciple is invited into a journey of growth (discipleship), becoming increasingly like Jesus.

"Discipleship is the process of becoming who Jesus would be if he were you." - Dallas Willard



2. There are foundational truths that help us understand the complexities of discipleship.

- Discipleship is not linear.
- Discipleship is relational.
- Discipleship is a work of the Holy Spirit.

"It is no good giving me a play like Hamlet or King Lear, and telling me to write a play like that. Shakespeare could do it; I can't. And it is no good showing me a life like the life of Jesus and telling me to live a life like that. Jesus could do it; I can't. But if the genius of Shakespeare could come and live in me, then I could write plays like his. And if the Spirit of Jesus could come and live in me, then I could live a life like His." - William Temple

- Discipleship involves adversity and suffering.

"The very fire that blackens my horizon warms my soul. The darkness that oppresses my mind sharpens my vision. The flood that overwhelms my heart quenches my thirst. The thorns that penetrate my flesh strengthen my Spirit. The grave that buries my desire deepens my devotion. Man's failure to comprehend this intention of God is one of life's true calamities." - James Means

- Discipleship reveals ways we may be thwarted by sin, wounds and warfare.

3. Look to Jesus. He is your LIFE.

Discussion Questions (for small groups or the dinner table):



How do these thoughts on discipleship differ from your previous understanding?



After reflecting on the five foundational truths, which one do you most identify with, either now or in the past, and why?



What is your hope for your journey as a disciple? Is there a clear next step for you? Ask the Lord to give you the grace needed.