

Before Jesus began his ministry, the Bible says he pleased God.

Matthew 3:17 "And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'"

2) I LIVE BY FAITH IN GOD & HIS _____

Luke 24:44 "He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.'"

2 Corinthians 1:20 "For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ. And so through him the 'Amen' is spoken by us to the glory of God."

Jesus is the fulfiller and fulfillment of all of God's promises.
All we have to do is believe and _____

As New Testament believers, we enjoy the new covenant which has _____.

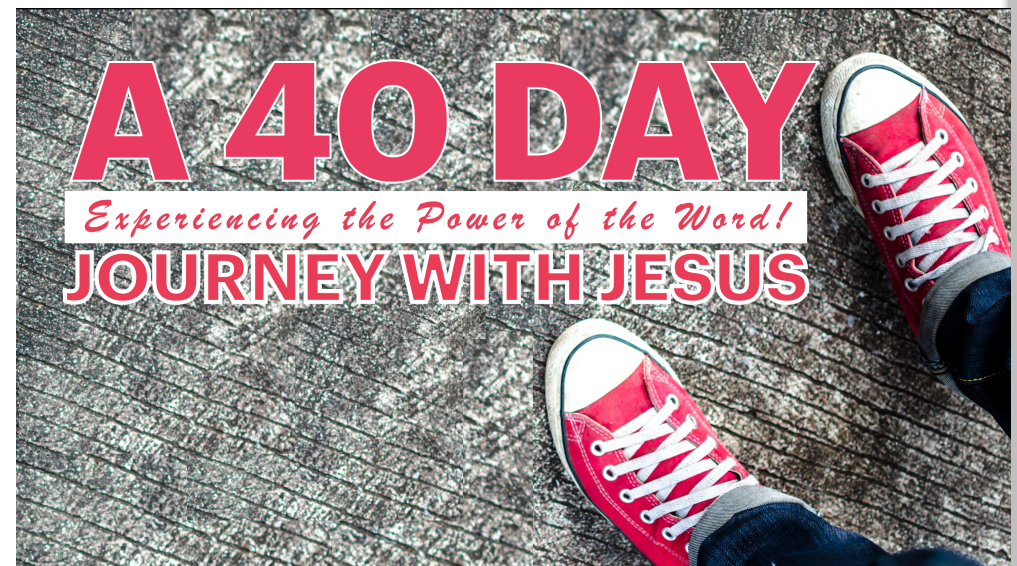
Hebrews 8:6 & 12 "But the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, and it is founded on better promises... For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

3) I LIVE FAITH AND NOT BY _____

John 20:29 "...Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

2 Corinthians 5:17 "We live by faith, not by sight."

Ephesians 1:18 "I pray that the eyes of your heart will be flooded with light so that you can see the wonderful future God has promised to those he called..."



WEEK 3: LEARNING KINGDOM LIVING

ACTS 1:1-3 (NIV)

"In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving **INSTRUCTIONS** through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he showed himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the **KINGDOM OF GOD.**"

Jesus met with his disciples during a period of 40 days to help them _____ into _____

ROMANS 14:17-18 (NIV)

"For the kingdom of God is... righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by people."

"**KINGDOM LIVING**" is the reality of Christ's rule in heaven and on earth flowing into your life bringing God's _____, _____ & _____

LUKE 8:9-10 (PARABLE OF THE SOWER)

"His disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, 'The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, 'Though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.'"

The secrets of the kingdom of God are available to every believer by understanding God's _____ with spiritual _____ & _____

JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES & TO THOMAS:

(JESUS & THE ELEVEN) LUKE 24:36-48

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your minds?' Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.'

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.' Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, 'This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations beginning in Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

(JESUS & THE TWELVE) JOHN 20:24-29

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.'

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked,

A KINGDOM LIFESTYLE MEANS:

Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.' Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!' Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'"

When Jesus appeared to the disciples, they were:

- _____
- _____
- _____

We can experience the same things when we don't _____ God's faithfulness, his plan, and what he is doing in our lives.

As an antidote to fears, doubts and emotional turmoil, Jesus directed the disciples to the _____ for answers.

Jesus also instructed them to shift from one way of living to kingdom living when he said, "**Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed,**" meaning _____

1) I LIVE BY FAITH TO _____ GOD

John 20:27 "... *'Stop doubting [unbelieving] and believe.'*"

Doubts are questions in your _____
Unbelief is where your _____ stops believing God.

Hebrews 11:6 "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."