

## **Christ Living In Me? I Don't Get It**

(appropriate for High Schoolers and older)

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### **Galatians 2:20**

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

***What does it mean to have "Christ living in me" or to "abide in Christ"?***

***How do we do it without making it our own accomplishment?***

*(Abide - to remain stable or fixed in a state, to continue in a place).*

*Abiding in Christ is about our relationship with Him.*

### **James 4:3-4**

You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures. <sup>4</sup>You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

***Key Point: The world is not interested in developing a friendship with God – are you?***

*Let's work through 6 key points that will help us understand more about Christ living in us.*

### **Point #1 – GOD DOES NOT NEED YOU**

There is nothing you can do for God that He could not easily do just by speaking it into happening. Anything you try to do for God He could have done it much better Himself without you.

### **Isaiah 66:1-2**

Thus says the LORD, "Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest? <sup>2</sup>"For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the LORD "But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.

### **(Psalm 8:3-6)**

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained; <sup>4</sup>What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him? <sup>5</sup>Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty! <sup>6</sup>You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,

### **Point #2 – GOD'S FOCUS IS ON RELATIONSHIP, NOT TASKING**

Because God does not need us He is not focused on what we can do for Him, He is focused on having a relationship with us. If God's focus was on completing tasks He would not involve you. Why? Because if God does something it will be done perfectly. If you are involved it will be done less than perfectly.

***Key Point: Its not about tasking, its about relationship.***

### **Exodus 33:11**

Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend When Moses returned to the camp, his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

**(John 15:12-14)**

"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>"You are My friends if you do what I command you.

**(I Corinthians 1:9)**

God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Isaiah 41:8-10**

"But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, Descendant of Abraham My friend, <sup>9</sup>You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, And called from its remotest parts And said to you, 'You are My servant, I have chosen you and not rejected you. <sup>10</sup>'Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

**Point #3 – DEEP RELATIONSHIP IS BUILT BY DOING THINGS TOGETHER**

God wants to build a relationship with us by doing things together. I have read books that say that it is possible for some women to develop deep relationships with each other just by talking. But did you know that men can't do that? How do men develop deep relationships? By doing things together. In the same way God wants to deepen the relationship with us by doing things together with us – by living life with us. The tasks are not the focus, they are a means to a deeper relationship.

**John 15:4-5**

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup>"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

This is what it means to "walk with God". It means we are moving in the same direction together, at the same pace, toward a common goal. Why? Why does God want to walk with you? Because He likes you! And He hopes that you will want to walk with Him because you like Him!

God is interested in the goal but He is more interested in developing the relationship with you along the way.

Any variance short of achieving the goal God can fix later with a blink of His eyelid but the developing relationship with you is everything. For example, no one is going to hell because you did not do something.

**(Jeremiah 31:20)**

"Is Ephraim My dear son? Is he a delightful child? Indeed, as often as I have spoken against him, I certainly still remember him; Therefore My heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on him," declares the LORD.

*Why is having a relationship with you so incredibly important to God?*

*Are you going to teach God something?*

*Are you going to do something that surprises God?*

*Why are you so interesting to God?*

*Why does He love you so much?*

*Why does He limit Himself to doing things together with you as a partner?*

No one knows.... He just does.

### **(I Peter 1:10-12)**

As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, <sup>11</sup>seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. <sup>12</sup>It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven--things into which angels long to look.

Even the angels can't figure out why.

### **Point #4 – GOD WILL NOT COMPROMISE WHO HE IS FOR THE RELATIONSHIP**

As important as the relationship with us is to God, its not so important that God would change who He is for it. Because God is perfect there is no room for Him to compromise when it comes to having a relationship with us. Any compromise or variance would be God being less than perfect – that's not going to happen.

Instead He comes to live in us to help us keep our part of the relationship going. He's not going to just do it all for us but He is going to help us. Without Christ living in us in the form of the Holy Spirit we would not be able to interact relationally with God at all.

### **II Corinthians 5:14-15**

For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; <sup>15</sup>and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

### **John 14:16-18**

"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; <sup>17</sup>that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

### **(John 14:19-25)**

<sup>19</sup>"After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. <sup>20</sup>"In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>"He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him." <sup>22</sup>Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?" <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. <sup>24</sup>"He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me. <sup>25</sup>"These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you.

### **John 14:26**

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

### **Point #5 – THE EVIDENCE OF RELATIONSHIP IS FAITH**

As we do things together in life, God focuses on the intentions of our heart as demonstrated by faith.

**Proverbs 21:2** - Every man's way is right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts.

### **(I Samuel 16:7)**

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

**(Jeremiah 17:10)**

"I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give to each man according to his ways, According to the results of his deeds.

**(Hebrews 4:12)**

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**(Hebrews 11:6)**

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Our execution of a task is going to be imperfect. God already knows that. He has already taken that into account. If executing the task perfectly was what was most important to Him He would have just done it Himself.

Perhaps your execution of the task is not as good as other people's. God does not care. God is looking to develop a deeper relationship with you. The intentions of our heart and our faith are the key for God.

**II Chronicles 16:9**

"For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His. You have acted foolishly in this. Indeed, from now on you will surely have wars."

**Point #6 – GIVE IT EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT, BUT KEEP YOUR FOCUS ON THE RELATIONSHIP**

Does God want you to, "Let go and let God"? Just sit back and get comfortable? I don't think so. He wants you to give it everything you have. Your time, your effort, your money, your energy, everything. Just remember that the reason is your relationship – its not the task itself.

**I Corinthians 9:24-27**

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. <sup>25</sup>Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; <sup>27</sup>but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

**Hebrews 12:1**

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us

**Philippians 3:13-14**

Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**II Timothy 2:15**

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

**Colossians 1:28-29**

We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

## **HOW DO WE DO THIS WITHOUT MAKING IT OUR OWN ACCOMPLISHMENT?**

Start by doing what God has told you He wants you to do. 90% of God's will for you is written in the Bible. Do you study it? Do you read it regularly and ask God to teach you from it? Or do you limit yourself to hearing it when preached by others? Ask God to show you how to apply it. Ask questions of others who may have ideas on how to apply it. Then go out and apply it. You will do an imperfect job – that's OK. God knows that. Remember, He is looking at your heart and your faith. Mistakes are OK.

### **Lamentations 3:22-23**

**The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. 23They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.**

***Key point: A moving ship is easy to steer. It's the boat that never moves that never gets anywhere.***

If you get off track and start to think that it is your accomplishment and its not about your relationship with God, God will fix that. He will remove any personal benefits or encouragement from others in what you are doing.

If you were doing it for some reason other than your relationship with God you will fall away. If you were doing it out of your relationship with Him you will continue and will grow in your faith and in your relationship with Him.

Most of the time we do godly activities for mixed reasons. They are partially motivated out of our relationship with God and partly because we receive encouragement from others or other personal benefits of some kind. That is OK. God knows we are weak & full of sin. He knows that we are just a bag of dust.

### **Psalm 103:8-14**

**The LORD is compassionate and gracious, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. 9He will not always strive with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever. 10He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. 11For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. 12As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. 13Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him. 14For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust.**

But there will be times when every form of encouragement and every personal benefit for doing something will be stripped away. Those are the times when our relationship with God deepens and becomes more real – either that or we fall away.

Its during these times that God is watching us with the most interest – these are the times when faith and character are refined and perfected.

## **SO, IS IT GOD DOING IT OR ME DOING IT?**

Its both. Its God working in you. For some reason God has decided He is going to partner with you.

When the disciples fed 5,000 men along with their wives and children with 5 loaves of bread and two fish was it the disciples doing it or God? It was clearly God at work. Does this mean the disciples brought nothing to the partnership? No. They brought all the food they had and distributed it, God made up the difference.

### **(Matthew 14:16-21)**

**But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away; you give them something to eat!" <sup>17</sup>They said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And He said, "Bring them here to Me." <sup>19</sup>Ordering the people to sit down on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed the food, and breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds, <sup>20</sup>and they all ate and were satisfied. They picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve full baskets. <sup>21</sup>There were about five thousand men who ate, besides women and children.**

When Samson killed 1,000 Philistines with the jawbone of a donkey was it the strength of Samson or the power of God working in him? It was clearly God's power. Does that mean that Samson put forth no effort? Did Samson just sit under a tree and watch? No. Samson fought with all his heart and God, His friend, made up the difference.

### **(Judges 15:14-17)**

When he came to Lehi, the Philistines shouted as they met him. And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him mightily so that the ropes that were on his arms were as flax that is burned with fire, and his bonds dropped from his hands. <sup>15</sup>He found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, so he reached out and took it and killed a thousand men with it. <sup>16</sup>Then Samson said, "With the jawbone of a donkey, Heaps upon heaps, With the jawbone of a donkey I have killed a thousand men." <sup>17</sup>When he had finished speaking, he threw the jawbone from his hand; and he named that place Ramath-lehi.

When David killed Goliath was it by David's skill or by God's? It was clearly God at work. Does this mean David put forth no effort? No. It took all of David's courage, wisdom, and skill and God, His friend, made up the difference.

### **(I Samuel 17:45-48)**

Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. <sup>46</sup>"This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup>and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD'S and He will give you into our hands." <sup>48</sup>Then it happened when the Philistine rose and came and drew near to meet David, that David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.

Its interesting to note that God brings us along progressively in growing in our relationship with Him by doing things together. Before David killed Goliath He and God had done smaller things together first.

### **(I Samuel 17:32-37)**

David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail on account of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." <sup>33</sup>Then Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are but a youth while he has been a warrior from his youth." <sup>34</sup>But David said to Saul, "Your servant was tending his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup>I went out after him and attacked him, and rescued it from his mouth; and when he rose up against me, I seized him by his beard and struck him and killed him. <sup>36</sup>"Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has taunted the armies of the living God." <sup>37</sup>And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine " And Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you."

Are you seeing the pattern?

***Key Point: God wants you to bring all you have to doing His will. He will make up the difference.***

### **II Corinthians 12:9**

And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness " Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me

### **Romans 15:18**

For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed

## **WHAT ABOUT THE VERSES THAT TALK ABOUT “WAITING ON GOD”?**

What does it mean to “wait on the Lord”? Is it like sitting in a waiting room reading a magazine? No.

“Wait” means that the pace that God and you are walking together has slowed to a near halt. Is this good or bad? Neither. Remember, God’s focus is not on tasking, its on relationship. The pace is not important as long as you and God are walking together. Sometimes God will slow down so you can catch up. Sometimes God will slow things down for a reason you may not be able to see at the time.

So, what do we do during these times of slow pace? We wait.

*Does that mean we idle? No. It means we change our focus from accomplishment to preparation.*

### **I Peter 1:13-16**

Therefore, **prepare your minds for action**, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, <sup>15</sup>but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; <sup>16</sup>because it is written, “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.”

### **(II Timothy 4:1-5)**

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: <sup>2</sup>preach the word; **be ready** in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. <sup>3</sup>For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup>But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

While we are waiting our choices and options are usually restricted for us. During these times we can focus our energies on things we might otherwise not have time for. We can spend more time with God in prayer, we can study hard topics we never have taken the time to explore. We can document what God is teaching us for future use. We can serve in ministries that we would otherwise be too busy to be a part of.

These times of waiting are not idle times. They are times of intense interest to God because these are also times when our faith and character are being refined and perfected.

## **WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER 10% OF GOD’S WILL?**

Sometimes in life God’s will is not obvious. There are two good options and both are compatible with Biblical commands and principles. What do you do in these cases?

You ask God, your friend, to help you know His will.

### **Here’s an example**

In my Bible studies I have come to the conviction that much of God’s will for me is provided through people who are in positions of authority over me. For example, if two of my superiors at work think I should make a job change within the company I view that as strong guidance that God most likely wants me to change jobs, all else being equal. This has served me well over the past 25 years.

### **Colossians 3:22**

**Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.**

### **Proverbs 21:1**

**The king’s heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes.**

However, there was one time when two of my superiors suggested to me that I change to a different position because they felt it would be good for my career. I was ready to do so but, of course, I wanted to spend some time with God about it. I prayed for guidance and as I was reading the Bible a few minutes later God drew my attention to the verse below.

### **Isaiah 3:12**

**O My people! Their oppressors are children, And women rule over them O My people! Those who guide you lead you astray And confuse the direction of your paths.**

As I read this verse, the second half of the verse stood out to me and I had a strong sense that God was telling me that although He often uses those in authority to direct us, this particular instance was an exception to the rule. He wanted me to stay in my current position. Since the people in authority were suggesting, not commanding, I felt I had the freedom to turn down the offer and I believe that God was directing me to do so through this devotional time.

We do what we can and God, our friend, makes up the difference.

### **(Isaiah 30:21)**

**Your ears will hear a word behind you, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right or to the left.**

### **CONCLUSION**

God's focus is on developing a relationship with you by doing things with you in life. The tasks themselves are secondary – the relationship is primary. God wants you to give it everything you've got – don't be passive. But keep your priorities straight – the relationship is what comes first, the things we do together come second.

### **The Struggle Between the Flesh and the Spirit**

#### **Romans 7:14-25**

<sup>14</sup>For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin. <sup>15</sup>For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>But if I do the very thing I do not want to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good. <sup>17</sup>So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. <sup>19</sup>For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. <sup>20</sup>But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. <sup>21</sup>I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. <sup>22</sup>For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, <sup>23</sup>but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

#### **Galatians 5:16-25**

<sup>16</sup>But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. <sup>19</sup>Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

**QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD**

***JEREMIAH 15:16***

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Galatians 2:20, I Corinthians 1:9***

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Proverbs 21:2, I Samuel 16:7***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Jeremiah 17:10, Hebrews 4:12***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Hebrews 11:6, II Chronicles 16:9***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD**

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**THEME: *Christ Living In Me? I Don't Get It***

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Corinthians 9:24-27, Hebrews 12:1***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Philippians 3:13-14, II Timothy 2:15, Colossians 1:28-29***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Lamentations 3:22-23, Psalm 103:8-14***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

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**THEME: *Christ Living In Me? I Don't Get It***

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Matthew 14:16-21***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Judges 15:14-17***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Samuel 17:45-48, I Samuel 17:32-37***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

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**THEME: *Christ Living In Me? I Don't Get It***

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *II Corinthians 12:9, Romans 15:18***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Peter 1:13-16, II Timothy 4:1-5***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Colossians 3:22, Proverbs 21:1***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD**

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**THEME: *Christ Living In Me? I Don't Get It***

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Isaiah 3:12, Isaiah 30:21***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 7:14-25***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Galatians 5:16-25***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

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