



Marine Jesus – “He is with you always, just like your rifle.”

Semper Fi! – “Always Faithful!” To be a Marine means a daily commitment to live up to the highest standards. Being a Marine means to be ever accountable to the Warrior Ethos which adheres to these fundamental truths: character counts, honesty is incorruptible, and integrity means everything. We need our Christian commitment to be more “Marine like” than what our culture has made Christian men to be. Jesus modeled a warrior like character. When we discover his true character, we uncover the real Jesus. A true knowledge of Jesus is our greatest need and our greatest happiness. This study will help us be the men God designed us to be – men willing to initiate, take responsibility, and to fight for a cause greater than ourselves. Semper Fi!

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Jesus – FAITHFUL & TRUE!
Revelation 19:11-16

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Bible Verses: Revelation 19:11-16; John 7:16-24; John 9:18-23; Matthew 12:46-50; John 6:16-24; I Corinthians 11:7-9; Genesis 3:12, 13; Job 9:14-20; 24:22-25; Micah 6:6-8; Romans 5:12
Music: 595 We Will Ride (Andy Park)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1zrMG5jvzA>

Resources: *Beautiful Outlaw – Experiencing the Playful, Disruptive, Extravagant Personality of Jesus* by John Eldredge.

Video: Watch Sunday Morning: Driven to serve
https://www.cbs.com/shows/cbs-sunday-morning/video/mwQhw7BiB0EqPRCAff8HLISqwhi_Rxs3/driven-to-serve/

Marine Jesus: Faithful & True! - Jesus – He cuts to the heart!

1. _____ → Motives are essential and are often questionable. There is nothing false about Jesus. We live in a world rocked by scandal in politics and the church. We just grow cynical. People of strong conviction and bold claims are suspect. We fear them. They might be a terrorist, or a Christian. See John 7:16-24; 9:18-23.
2. _____ → We are given the story of Jesus’ wilderness trial to help us understand that Jesus has been tried—and proven true. Jesus wasn’t cheating; it was a genuine test of his character, so profoundly terrible, to be seduced by the evil one himself, that Jesus needed angels to minister to him afterward. Jesus gives the ability to say honest things to people. See Matthew 12:46-50.
3. _____ → Jesus is the same man—the same personality—through his whole earthly life. Neither success nor opposition have power over him. One day the crowds love him, the next they are shouting for his crucifixion. Jesus is free from the fear of man. He is true to himself, true to his Father, true to what the moment most requires, true to love. Jesus is simply himself. Playful, cunning, generous, fierce—not one moment of it is contrived.
3. _____ → The diversity of Jesus’ actions, timing, manner, words, ... even his moods; his sudden changes of direction, then his stillness—it’s hard to keep up with. The miracles of Jesus was not done to demonstrate his power, but to reveal his ability to restore what was broken. See John 6:16-24.

Marine Jesus: Act Like a Man!

1. **INITIATE!** → Men initiate, women respond. Briefly, biblical support for this position is found, among other passages, in the creation order in Genesis 2, in I Corinthians 11:7-9, and Ephesians 5. To initiate is to be wise about setting a pattern that will serve you well in all areas of your life. Areas to initiate growth in are physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual.
2. **TAKE RESPONSIBILITY!** → Stop the blame game and find power in personal responsibility (Gen. 3:12, 13). Live in reality. Own your part. See Job 9:14-20; 24:22-25; Micah 6:6-8; Proverbs 26:11; Luke 14:26, 27.
3. **FIGHT!** = A Man knows he must fight—life is a life and death matter (Romans 5:12) You are good at sin! = Seven deadly sins: envy, greed, lust, anger, sloth, gluttony, and pride. The longer creation exists in a state of separation from God, the effects of that separation become more and more clear.

ACTION: Journal This!

1. What do you need to do Today that you have been avoiding?
2. What is testing your character NOW?
3. How much do you really believe you can be like Jesus?

“595 We Will Ride” – By Andy Park

<p>He has fire in His eyes and a sword in His hand And He's riding a white horse across this land He has fire in His eyes and a sword in His hand And He's riding a white horse across this land And He's calling out to you and me "Will you ride with me?" He has fire in His eyes and a sword in His hand And He's riding a white horse across this land And He's calling out to you and me "Will you ride with me?" We say, "yes, yes Lord, we will ride with You"</p>	<p>Chorus: We say, "yes Lord, we will ride with You We will stand up and fight We will ride with the armies of heaven We'll be dressed in white, we'll be dressed in white" We say, "yes, yes Lord, we will ride" He has a crown on His head and he carries a scepter in His hand And He's leading the armies across this land And He's calling out to you and me</p>	<p>"Will you ride with me?" We say, "yes, yes Lord We will ride with You" That fire in His eyes is His love for His bride And He's longing that she be with Him Right by His side That fire in His eyes is His burning desire That His bride be with Him, right by His side And He's calling out to us right now, "Will you ride with me?" Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes Lord, yes Lord</p>
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Bible Verses – The Message

Revelation 19:11-16 - 11 Then I saw Heaven open wide - and oh! a white horse and its Rider. The Rider, named Faithful and True, judges and makes war in pure righteousness. **12** His eyes are a blaze of fire, on his head many crowns. He has a Name inscribed that's known only to himself. **13** He is dressed in a robe soaked with blood, and he is addressed as "Word of God." **14** The armies of Heaven, mounted on white horses and dressed in dazzling white linen, follow him. **15** A sharp sword comes out of his mouth so he can subdue the nations, then rule them with a rod of iron. He treads the winepress of the raging wrath of God, the Sovereign-Strong. **16** On his robe and thigh is written, King of kings, Lord of lords.

John 7:16-24 - 16 Jesus said, "I didn't make this up. What I teach comes from the One who sent me. **17** Anyone who wants to do his will can test this teaching and know whether it's from God or whether I'm making it up. **18** A person making things up tries to make himself look good. But someone trying to honor the one who sent him sticks to the facts and doesn't tamper with reality. **19** It was Moses, wasn't it, who gave you God's Law? But none of you are living it. So why are you trying to kill me?" **20** The crowd said, "You're crazy! Who's trying to kill you? You're demon-possessed." **21** Jesus said, "I did one miraculous thing a few months ago, and you're still standing around getting all upset, wondering what I'm up to. **22** Moses prescribed circumcision - originally it came not from Moses but from his ancestors - and so you circumcise a man, dealing with one part of his body, even if it's the Sabbath. **23** You do this in order to preserve one item in the Law of Moses. So why are you upset with me because I made a man's whole body well on the Sabbath? **24** Don't be nitpickers; use your head - and heart! - to discern what is right, to test what is authentically right."

John 9:18-23 - 18 The Jews didn't believe it, didn't believe the man was blind to begin with. So they called the parents of the man now bright-eyed with sight. **19** They asked them, "Is this your son, the one you say was born blind? So how is it that he now sees?" **20** His parents said, "We know he is our son, and we know he was born blind. **21** But we don't know how he came to see - haven't a clue about who opened his eyes. Why don't you ask him? He's a grown man and can speak for himself." **22** (His parents were talking like this because they were intimidated by the Jewish leaders, who had already decided that anyone who took a stand that this was the Messiah would be kicked out of the meeting place. **23** That's why his parents said, "Ask him. He's a grown man.")

Matthew 12:46-50 - 46 While he was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers showed up. They were outside trying to get a message to him. **47** Someone told Jesus, "Your mother and brothers are out here, wanting to speak with you." **48** Jesus didn't respond directly, but said, "Who do you think my mother and brothers are?" **49** He then stretched out his hand toward his disciples. "Look closely. These are my mother and brothers. **50** Obedience is thicker than blood. The person who obeys my heavenly Father's will is my brother and sister and mother."

John 6:16-24 - 16 In the evening his disciples went down to the sea, **17** got in the boat, and headed back across the water to Capernaum. It had grown quite dark and Jesus had not yet returned. **18** A huge wind blew up, churning the sea. **19** They were maybe three or four miles out when they saw Jesus

walking on the sea, quite near the boat. They were scared senseless, **20** but he reassured them, "It's me. It's all right. Don't be afraid." **21** So they took him on board. In no time they reached land - the exact spot they were headed to. **22** The next day the crowd that was left behind realized that there had been only one boat, and that Jesus had not gotten into it with his disciples. They had seen them go off without him. **23** By now boats from Tiberias had pulled up near where they had eaten the bread blessed by the Master. **24** So when the crowd realized he was gone and wasn't coming back, they piled into the Tiberias boats and headed for Capernaum, looking for Jesus.

1 Corinthians 11:7-9 - 7 men and women, who far too often butt heads with each other, submit their "heads" to the Head: God. **8 9**

Genesis 3:12, 13 - 12 The Man said, "The Woman you gave me as a companion, she gave me fruit from the tree, and, yes, I ate it." **13** God said to the Woman, "What is this that you've done?" "The serpent seduced me," she said, "and I ate."

Job 9:14-20; 14 - 14 "So how could I ever argue with him, construct a defense that would influence God? **15** Even though I'm innocent I could never prove it; I can only throw myself on the Judge's mercy. **16** If I called on God and he himself answered me, then, and only then, would I believe that he'd heard me. **17** As it is, he knocks me about from pillar to post, beating me up, black and blue, for no good reason. **18** He won't even let me catch my breath, piles bitterness upon bitterness. **19** If it's a question of who's stronger, he wins, hands down! If it's a question of justice, who'll serve him the subpoena? **20** Even though innocent, anything I say incriminates me; blameless as I am, my defense just makes me sound worse. If God's Not Responsible, Who Is?

Job 24:22-25 - 22 However much they strut and flex their muscles, there's nothing to them. They're hollow. **23** They may have an illusion of security, but God has his eye on them. **24** They may get their brief successes, but then it's over, nothing to show for it. Like yesterday's newspaper, they're used to wrap up the garbage. **25** You're free to try to prove me a liar, but you won't be able to do it."

Micah 6:6-8 - 6 How can I stand up before God and show proper respect to the high God? Should I bring an armload of offerings topped off with yearling calves? **7** Would God be impressed with thousands of rams, with buckets and barrels of olive oil? Would he be moved if I sacrificed my firstborn child, my precious baby, to cancel my sin? **8** But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, And don't take yourself too seriously - take God seriously.

Romans 5:12 - 12 You know the story of how Adam landed us in the dilemma we're in - first sin, then death, and no one exempt from either sin or death.

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