



**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!

Highland Colony Men’s Roundtable

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**Jesus – OUR LIFE**

*We need Jesus like we need oxygen. Like we need water.*

*We are desperate for Jesus!*

**Bible Verses:** John 15:5-8. Romans 12:1,2. Revelation 12:7-12. John 13:1-17. Romans 8:15-17. John 21:7-9. John 21:15-19. I Corinthians 11:7-9. Genesis 3:12, 13. Job 9:14-20; 24:22-25. Micah 6:6-8. Romans 5:12. **Music:** There Was Jesus – Zach Williams and Dolly Parton <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=37wV6D49iEY>

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

**Video:** Boykin: Jesus "Was A Tough Guy, He Was A Man's Man" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXPq6j6NEbk>

**Marine Jesus: Purpose for Life!**

Love Jesus – Let him be himself with you! Sadly, for too many people, the Jesus they know is too religious to love, too distant to experience, and too rigid to be a source of life (Hebrews 13:7,8).

1. \_\_\_\_\_ This is the first and greatest command. Everything else flows from our intimacy with Jesus (John 15:5-8).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Share you daily life with him. On the beach, at meal time, on the road ... just as the disciples did (Romans 12:1,2).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Allow his life to fill yours, to heal and express itself through yours. There is no other way you can hope to live as he did and show him to others (Revelation 12:7-12).

**Marine Jesus: LOVING JESUS!**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Tell Jesus you love him! Our walk with Jesus is meant to be more like a love-affair than like a theory. If you want Jesus, you’re going to have to end the relationship with the religious glaze.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Loving Jesus invites you to be released from false reverence (John 13:1-17). False reverence will bring a shroud between your heart and his. The morning prayer in the Anglican/Episcopal Book of Common Prayer begins, “Almighty God and Everlasting Father,” a beautiful expression and has been used by many Godly men. However, Jesus invites us to consider Romans 8:15 – “Papa, I come to you this morning” has a totally different feel than “Almighty God and Everlasting Father”.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Peter is a passionate, emotional, impulsive guy. Peter runs to Jesus, sopping wet, and hugged him (John 21:7-9). Jesus calls us to show our love by caring for others (John 21:15-19).

**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 really LOVE?
2. What would make me believe you really LOVE that?
3. How would you get me to LOVE that?

**“There Was Jesus” – By Zach Williams and Dolly Parton**

<p>Every time I try to make it on my own          Every time I try to stand, I start to fall          And all those lonely roads that I have traveled on          There was Jesus          When the life I built came crashing to the ground          When the friends I had were nowhere to be found          I couldn't see it then but I can see it now          There was Jesus          In the waiting, in the searching          In the healing, in the hurting          Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces          Every minute, every moment          Where I've been or where I'm going          Even when I didn't know it          Or couldn't see it          There was Jesus</p>	<p>For this man who needs amazing kind of grace          For forgiveness and a price I couldn't pay          I'm not perfect so I thank God every day          There was Jesus          In the waiting, in the searching          In the healing, in the hurting          Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces          Every minute, every moment          Where I've been or where I'm going          Even when I didn't know it          Or couldn't see it          There was Jesus          On the mountains          In the valleys          There was Jesus          In the shadows          Of the alleys</p>	<p>There was Jesus          In the fire, in the flood          There was Jesus          Always is and always was, oh          No, I never walk alone          Never walk alone          You're always there          In the waiting, in the searching          In the healing, in the hurting          Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces          Every minute, every moment          Where I've been or where I'm going          Even when I didn't know it          Or couldn't see it          There was Jesus          There was Jesus</p>
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## Bible Verses – The Message

**John 15:5-8;** **5** "I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing. **6** Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. **7** But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. **8** This is how my Father shows who he is - when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples.

**Romans 12:1-2;** **1** So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life - and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. **2** Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

**Revelation 12:7-12;** **7** War broke out in Heaven. Michael and his Angels fought the Dragon. The Dragon and his Angels fought back, **8** but were no match for Michael. They were cleared out of Heaven, not a sign of them left. **9** The great Dragon - ancient Serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, the one who led the whole earth astray - thrown out, and all his Angels thrown out with him, thrown down to earth. **10** Then I heard a strong voice out of Heaven saying, Salvation and power are established! Kingdom of our God, authority of his Messiah! The Accuser of our brothers and sisters thrown out, who accused them day and night before God. **11** They defeated him through the blood of the Lamb and the bold word of their witness. They weren't in love with themselves; they were willing to die for Christ. **12** So rejoice, O Heavens, and all who live there, but doom to earth and sea, For the Devil's come down on you with both feet; he's had a great fall; He's wild and raging with anger; he hasn't much time and he knows it.

**Romans 8:15-17;** **15** This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" **16** God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children.

**17** And we know we are going to get what's coming to us - an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him!

**John 12:7-9;** **7** Jesus said, "Let her alone. She's anticipating and honoring the day of my burial. **8** You always have the poor with you. You don't always have me." **9** Word got out among the Jews that he was back in town. The people came to take a look, not only at Jesus but also at Lazarus, who had been raised from the dead.

**Job 9:14-20;** **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.

**John 21:15-19;** **15** After breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Master, you know I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." **16** He then asked a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Master, you know I love you." Jesus said, "Shepherd my sheep." **17** Then he said it a third time: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was upset that he asked for the third time, "Do you love me?" so he answered, "Master, you know everything there is to know. You've got to know that I love you." **18** I'm telling you the very truth now: When you were young you dressed yourself and went wherever you wished, but when you get old you'll have to stretch out your hands while someone else dresses you and takes you where you don't want to go." **19** He said this to hint at the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. And then he commanded, "Follow me."

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