



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 – SURRENDER!

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Bible Verses: John 1:3-5; John 10:6-10; John 12:24,25; John 15:4,5; Matthew 16:24-26; John 5:19,20; I Corinthians 11:7-9; Genesis 3:12, 13; Job 9:14-20; 24:22-25; Micah 6:6-8; Romans 5:12
Music: Zach Williams - Turn It Over
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rePUJW8IGL4>

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

Video: I AM a Soldier in the Army of Christ - THIS IS WAR
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zkvr2E9l0wE>

Marine Jesus: The Quality of the Presence and Actions of Jesus.

Jesus is LIFE! Pure, lush, exuberant Life. Life that proves to be unquenchable, unstoppable, indestructible. John 1:3-5.

- _____ → See Matthew 9. If anyone accomplished this in a decade or a lifetime, we would be FAMOUS!
 - He steps off the boat from rebuking Legion and heals a paralyzed man (9:1-8).
 - He calls Matthew to join him, has dinner in his home with a scandalous crowd, and rebukes the Pharisees for getting in a snit over it (9:9-13).
 - He explains why his disciples don’t fast—thus opening up the freedom he came to bring (9:14-17).
 - He heals a woman who had been bleeding for 12 years (9:20-22).
 - He raises a little girl from the dead (9:18-26).
 - He heals two blind men (9:27-31).
 - He heals a mute by casting out a demon (9:32-33).
 - Journeys through “all the towns and villages” spreading the news about the kingdom of God (9:35-38).
- _____ → Not only can we get Jesus, but we get to live His life (John 10:10; 12:24,25). Jesus is the missing essence of our existence. We need Jesus like we need oxygen.

Marine Jesus: LET HIM BE HIMSELF WITH YOU! DO BUSINESS WITH JESUS! John 15:4,5.

- _____ → It will be hard to receive his life in any great measure if you keep running off on your own, leaving the Vine behind in order to do life as you please (Matthew 16:25). The more you give the parts of your life over to Jesus, the more his life is able to invade yours.
- _____ → The presence of Jesus in me rescues me from striving and self-resolve. Jesus makes my flaws recede into the background—some crucified, others to receive his healing grace.
- _____ → Jesus has no intention of letting you become whole apart from his moment-by-moment presence and life within you. Your brokenness and your sin are not something you overcome so that you can walk with God. They are the occasions for you to cry out for the life of God in you to rescue you. Christ *in* you, your only hope of glory. You must be in vital union with Jesus. By loving him, by obeying him, by surrendering more and more and more of ourselves to him (John 5:19,20).
- _____ → The bottom-line test of anything claiming to be of Jesus! “Jesus, invade my life. Cleanse this temple. I give my humanity to you, to be restored by your humanity. I give my life to you to live your life.”

Marine Jesus: Act Like a Man!

- 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.
- 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.
- 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!

- What do you want Jesus to do for you?
- What will you give up to receive what you want Jesus to do for you?
- Is your experience of being a Jesus follower one of JOY?

"Turn It Over" – By Zach Williams

<p>I spent so long Livin' in the dark Livin' in the dark I ran so fast Until it fell apart Until it fell apart Now I'm on my knees All my life, I surrender I throw my hands up, the war is over I am fallin' on the altar I throw my hands up, I need a savior Oh I, oh I, oh I I turn it over, I turn it over I can't go back I'm done livin' in the past I'm done livin' in the past</p>	<p>You know this man Still you take me as I am Oh, you take me as I am All my life, I surrender I throw my hands up, the war is over I am fallin' on the altar I throw my hands up, I need a savior Oh I, oh I, oh I I turn it over, I turn it over I'm letting go of my pain, all of my sin and my shame Your blood has washed it away All of my doubt and my fear, I leave it all with you here Where I am covered by grace</p>	<p>I'm letting go of my pain, all of my sin and my shame Your blood has washed it away All of my doubt and my fear, I leave it all with you here Where I am covered by grace I'm letting go of my pain, all of my sin and my shame Your blood has washed it away All of my doubt and my fear, I leave it all with you here Where I am covered by grace I'm letting go of my pain, all of my sin and my shame Your blood has washed it away All of my doubt and my fear, I leave it all with you here Where I am covered by grace</p>
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Bible Verses – The Message

<p>John 1:3-5 - 3 Everything was created through him; nothing - not one thing! - came into being without him. 4 What came into existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by. 5 The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out.</p> <p>John 10:6-10 - 6 Jesus told this simple story, but they had no idea what he was talking about. 7 So he tried again. "I'll be explicit, then. I am the Gate for the sheep. 8 All those others are up to no good - sheep stealers, every one of them. But the sheep didn't listen to them. 9 I am the Gate. Anyone who goes through me will be cared for - will freely go in and out, and find pasture. 10 A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.</p> <p>John 12:24,25 - 24 "Listen carefully: Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. 25 In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you'll have it forever, real and eternal.</p> <p>John 15:4,5 - 4 "Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined with me. 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.</p> <p>Matthew 16:24-26 - 24 Then Jesus went to work on his disciples. "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. 25 Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. 26 What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for?</p> <p>John 5:19,20 - 19 So Jesus explained himself at length. "I'm telling you this straight. The Son can't independently do a thing, only what he sees the Father doing. What the Father does, the Son does. 20 The Father loves the Son and includes him in everything he is doing.</p>	<p>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</p> <p>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."</p> <p>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?</p> <p>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."</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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