

JESUS is our Mentor and our Pattern!

Philippians 2:1-2 NLT "Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose."

WE CAN AND SHOULD WALK IN THE THINGS JESUS WALKED IN!

- 🔥 JESUS walked in Unity with His Father and the Spirit (Word and His Disciples)
 - 🔥 Jesus always promotes Unity amongst His followers
 - 🔥 I want you in the Local Church to work in UNITY (being like-minded, having oneness of purpose and effort towards serving Christ)
- FULFILL MY JOY
 - IT make Jesus happy

Philippians 2:3-5 NLT "Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had."

🔥 Jesus walked in HUMILITY.

HUMILITY is an ATTITUDE that takes interest in other people.

(Ok, normal, good to have interest in your own life)

- 🔥 The way we keep and produce Unity is through HUMILITY
- 🔥 Nothing is too low or high, nothing is too easy and everything is too difficult...WITHOUT HIM
- 🔥 HUMILITY says I can do anything, but not without JESUS, which includes His body
- 🔥 HUMILITY always looks to JESUS

Luke 13:11-13 NKJV "And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God."

Philippians 2:8-9 NLT "he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names,

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- 🔥 Humility positions us IN CHRIST, for our role in God's Purpose.
- 🔥 Humility shows God He can TRUST US WITH THINGS and He ELEVATES YOU

Ephesians 1:21-23 NKJV "far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."

Philippians 2:10-11 NLT that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

- 🔥 (the next thing)...JESUS walked in Authority!
- 🔥 When you Stand In Christ you are already ELEVATED and can operate in His AUTHORITY.
- 🔥 Walking where JESUS WALKS REQUIRES AUTHORITY, but also produces next level Authority.
- 🔥 JESUS helps you firstly to Raise your roof (or LIFT your lid) INSIDE THEN OUTSIDE...

🌟 Jesus wants us to WALK IN THE THINGS HE WALKED IN:

- Unity
- Humility
- Authority
- Elevation

Philippians 2:12-13 NKJV "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

🌟 As we Allow the Holy Spirit to do HIS work in us, it causes us to start walking in the same FAVOUR Jesus walked in...

Luke 2:52 NKJV "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."

From childhood, Jesus walked in the supernatural favour of God and men.

In fact, He was so popular He could hardly find time alone to pray and fellowship with His heavenly Father.

Even those who did not believe in Him **recognized** that He walked in the favour of God.

The guards sent by the Pharisees to arrest Jesus returned to them without arresting Him;

John 7:45-46 NKJV "Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!""

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And right up to the end of His life, even while He was on the cross, the people **recognized** that God was with Him.

Luke 23:47-48 NKJV "So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, "Certainly this was a righteous Man!" And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and returned."

- # Don't allow the noise of those who don't recognize (even yourself and own issues), who you are and what you carry, STOP you with their negativity or from walking in FAVOUR; release them and move forward

This same favour is available to us. We must never forget that no matter what happens, we can have favour with God and with other people.

- In Christ you are God's beloved, you are loved and approved, His favour is on your life, **Ephesians 1:6**

This Means:

- You're empowered for any task He Gives you
- You can Walk in true freedom
- You can obey God and REST in Jesus
- You can enjoy His LOVE and Forgiveness

Regardless of the circumstances that come into your life, believe God for supernatural favour.

 **Prayer Starter:** God, I know that the same favour that Jesus walked in is available to me. Help me to walk by faith and receive it today.

Philippians 2:14-16 NKJV Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, **among whom you shine as lights in the world**, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or laboured in vain.

- 🔥 The reason God wants us to WALK in the things JESUS WALKED IN, the reason He ELEVATES US: IT'S through us that HE SHINES HIS LIGHT
 - 💡 It's time to SHINE BRIGHTER
- 🔥 I don't want you to just WALK, but to start RUNNING...

AGAIN THIS WEEK THE LORD REMINDED ME OF THE Ministry of Angels in the life of the believer:

- They assisted and ministered to JESUS
- They assisted and ministered to the early Church

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Hebrews 1:14 NKJV "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?"

- After Jesus was tempted after 40 days of fasting and prayer the Angels ministered to Him
- They shut the mouths of the Lions for Daniel (Daniel 6:22)
- They Walked Peter out of Prison in Acts 12 because of the Saints' prayers

✨ When it comes to Preaching the Gospel and establishing Christ's Church you can walk in the things Christ walked in....

Philippians 2:17-18 NLT "But I will rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God, just like your faithful service is an offering to God. And I want all of you to share that joy. Yes, you should rejoice, and I will share your joy."

🔥 Living for JESUS is a JOY AND A PRIVILEGE, it's the best offering we can give HIM, Stir yourself up, let's stir each other up....

Hebrews 10:24-25 NKJV "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

Joy doesn't come from having perfect circumstances; it comes from serving God and Loving people, it comes from your vibrant daily relationship with Jesus

- 👉 He goes on he gives two examples of this happening in the lives of Timothy and Epaphroditus
- 👉 He commends them as genuine believers and true examples of those who He could trust with the things of God.

Philippians 2:28-29 NKJV "Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful. Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem"

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