

Extraordinary
Entering Into the “Jesus Way of Life”

I. Introduction

- A. Doing the right stuff is contingent on becoming the right kind of person! And we can't make ourselves into the right kind of person!
- B. Exodus 3:13-14 (NAS) ¹³Then Moses said to God, “Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you.’ Now they may say to me, ‘What is His name?’ What shall I say to them?” ¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”
 - 1. “Yhwh”
- C. John 8:56-57 (NAS) ⁵⁶“Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”
- D. John 8:58 (NAS) Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.”
- E. II Corinthians 5:17 (NAS) Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.
- F. I Peter 2:1 (NAS) Put aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.
- G. II Corinthians 5:17 (NAS) Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.
 - 1. What do we do about that “gap?”
 - 2. My task is to find out how to stay connected to Jesus - - from one moment, to the next, to the next!
- H. “Authentic spiritual transformation really is possible if we're willing to arrange our lives around those practices that Jesus arranged His life around, so that we would continually be receiving life and love from the Father.” (Dallas Willard)

II. The Difference Between “Trying” and “Training”

- A. Romans 12:2 (NAS) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.
- B. Spiritual maturity is coming to believe - - with our whole bodies - - that what Jesus said is true!

- C. Acts 20:35 (NAS) *'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*
- D. "The will is transformed by experience, not information." (Dallas Willard)
- E. "Will I follow Jesus' way of life, or is there a better way?"
- F. *Streams of Living Water* by Richard Foster

III. Conclusion

Upcoming Messages:

1/18-19/2014 – "Life in God's Presence" (Extraordinary Series)

1/25-26/2014 – "The Virtuous Life"