



FOCUS ON
JESUS

Encourage my soul

Encourage my soul and let us journey on.

Though the night is dark, and I am far from home.

Thanks be to God, the morning light appears.

The storm is passing over, The storm is passing over,

The storm is passing over, Hallelu!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah --- The storm is passing over,

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WESTSIDE CHURCH PRAYERS FOR 2024

1. “We all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” 2 Corinthians 3:18
2. Appoint at least one more Elder couple in 2024
3. Financially able to support new ministry staff for a youth & family minister, professional ministers, campus interns and admin support.
4. God to guide the new ministry focuses in areas across West LA.





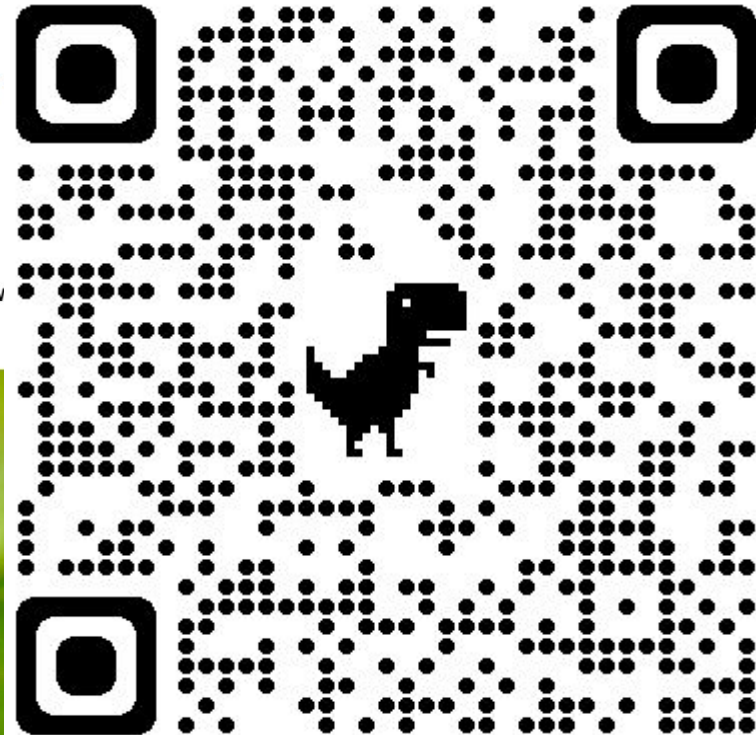
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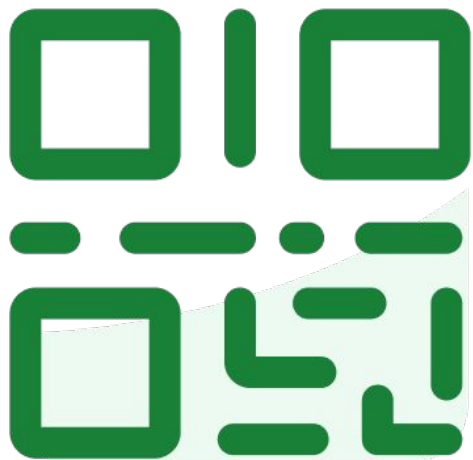


Devotion 5 in the series Overcoming Fear

Jesus Turns Water into Wine: When Need to Know What God Can Do

Inside: Do you need to know that God can make something good out of the bad? If Jesus turns wine, what does that mean for us?



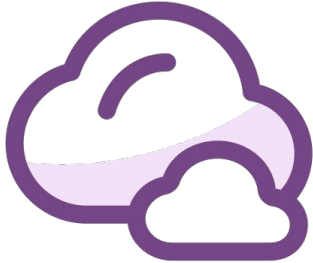


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discipleship to Jesus?**

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How to be a disciple - Dallas Wilard

THE WAY OF APPRENTICESHIP



Practicing the Way

Be with Jesus
Become like him
Do as he did

**John Mark
Comer**

New York Times bestselling author of
The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry

The Way

Living life in the Kingdom of God; how to live within the range of God's effective will - his life flowing through mine.

Apprenticeship (Discipleship)

A disciple or apprentice is simply someone who has **decided** to be with another person (a teacher/master), in order to **become capable of doing** what that **person does** or to **become** what that **person is**.

The Way of Apprenticeship

1. Learning from Jesus to live my life as he would live life if he were I.
2. I am not necessarily learning to do everything he did, but I am learning **how** to do everything I do in the manner in which he did all that he did.

JESUS

APPRENTICE

WHO & HOW

1. Spending time with Him
 2. Following/Learning from Him
 3. Applying Him to our lives
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John 1:39

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" 39 "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they **spent that day with him.**

John 1:40-41

40 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. 41 The first thing Andrew did **[after spending the day with Jesus]** was to **find his brother Simon and tell him**, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

How can we expect to grow closer
to Christ without ...

*Spending time
alone with Him!*



The Christian Meditator



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**How much time do you spend
with God each day? (Prayer,
Bible study, Solitude etc)**

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How do you enjoy spending time with God?

WORSHIP

Song
Blessing
*Rule of life
Sabbath
Gatherings

MIND

Journalling
*Examen
Creating space
Retreat
Solitude

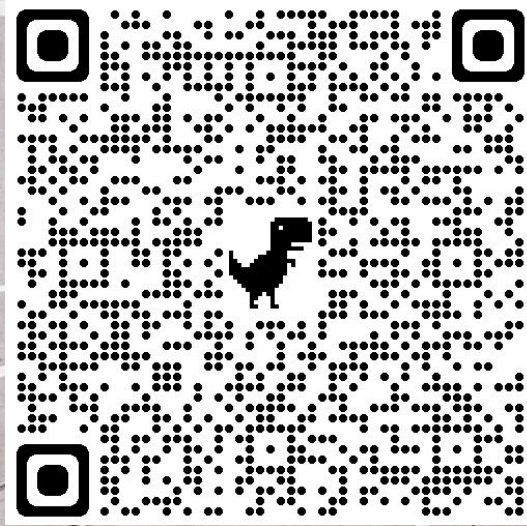
HEAR

Bible study
Books
Sermons
VIM
Meditation

PRAYER

Conversational
Contemplative
Praying Scripture
Prayer walks
Fasting

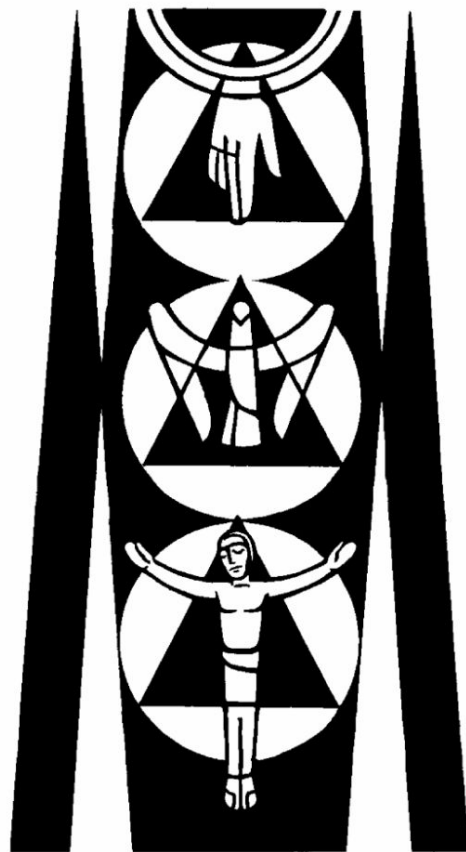
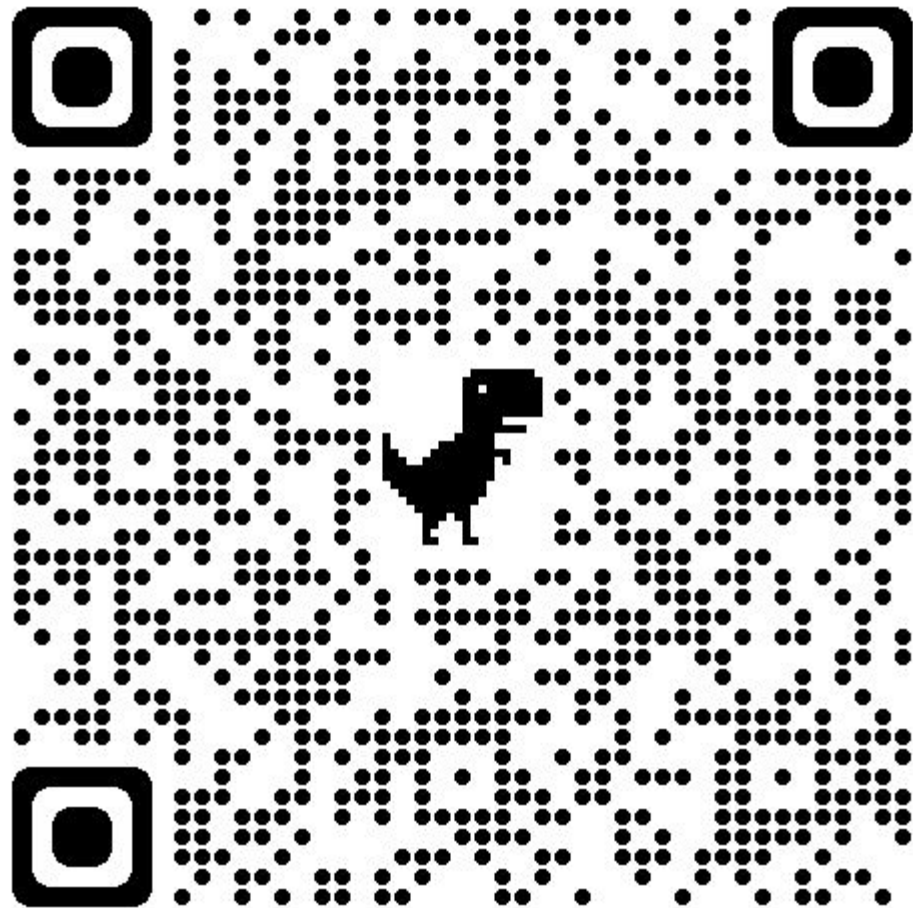
Practicing The Way



DEVELOPING A PERSONAL
RULE OF LIFE

The Examen

Finding God In All Things



John 1:43

43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him,
“Follow me.”

John 1:45

Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth...”

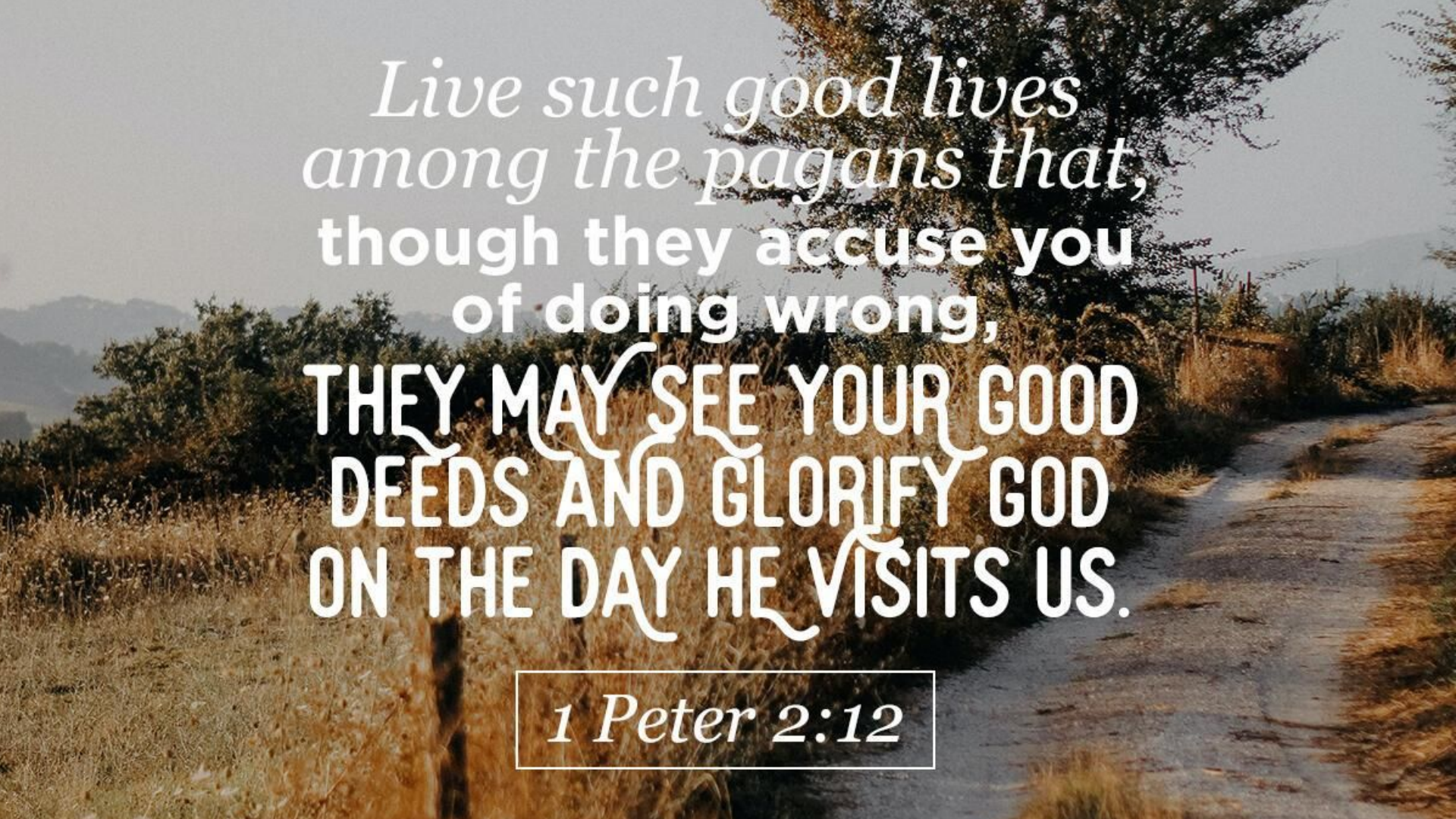




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Matthew 5:13-14



*Live such good lives
among the pagans that,
though they accuse you
of doing wrong,
THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD
DEEDS AND GLORIFY GOD
ON THE DAY HE VISITS US.*

1 Peter 2:12

PRAY

WHAT EVER HAS SPOKEN TO YOU...