



CONNECT GROUP NOTES

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“Living Consistently for Jesus ”

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Scripture

“Then He said to the crowds, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me.
Luke 9:23

Thought

So many Christians have not tapped into what it takes to live a life of victory. When waves of difficulty come, instead of throttling back and being rocked by them, we can rise above it and skim along the top.

Jesus hasn't called us to something complicated. We are creatures of daily routine. Jesus told His followers to ask God for daily bread. Not weekly bread, but daily.

How do we do this? The answer is simple. We have to die daily. A thousand prayers won't make it happen.

Denying ourselves is not a popular thing. It's the opposite of indulging ourselves. Fasting is one way we can deny ourselves.

No matter what you do, you will do it with more power if you live in His resurrection life. When we die to self, we live in His resurrection power. Our minds are renewed.



Renewal is not just a season, but a going deeper into true discipleship.

Dying daily means submitting our routine to Jesus. Get up every morning and sit. Sit with God and read your Bible. Then pray. "Lord, I choose to live my life today in the power of the resurrection which is in the Holy Spirit. I'm going to live my life today in the power of a renewed mind."

It's the power of setting our minds on Christ, denying self, and surrendering to the will of Christ each and every day. The power of simplicity.

We can choose not to take offence. We can choose to die to offence and actively choose to not wallow in the comfort of being offended.

As we remain connected in relationship, daily, with Christ and consistently submit our life and will to Him, we become unoffendable. The temptations of the flesh become less as we are renewed daily.

To die daily is to live daily in the power of His resurrection.

Discussion Points :

1. What areas in your life do you find it difficult to surrender daily to Jesus?
2. Do you only turn to Jesus in the crisis moments or do you enjoy a daily conversation and time with Him?
3. What changes can you make in your life to daily submit to His presence and remain connected to Him?

Personal Application + Prayer

Father,

Thank you for your word today and I invite you into my life to show me areas where I need to renew my mind and truly go deeper in relationship with you.



Lord Jesus,

I invite you to be King of my life - show me and give me the grace daily to die to myself and live in your resurrection power .

In Jesus Name,
Amen.