

## What Would Jesus Do?

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Have you ever heard, or maybe used the phrase, “What Would Jesus Do”? I hear this from many people, and I thought I would save you some time and money and tell you “What Jesus Did”.

Would I shock you if I told you Jesus Christ left us the answer to this question? You know the answer is found in the Word of God...the mind of Christ!

Let's start with an introduction:

Charles Spurgeon, a well-known evangelical Baptist preacher in London, used the phrase “what would Jesus do” in quotation marks several times in a sermon he gave on June 28, 1891. In his sermon he cites the source of the phrase as a book written in Latin by Thomas à Kempis between 1418 and 1427, “Imitatio Christi” (The Imitation of Christ).

The Rev. A.B. Simpson, founder of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, wrote both the lyrics and music of a Gospel Hymn “What Would Jesus Do” with a copyright date of 1891.

Charles Sheldon's 1896 book “In His Steps” was subtitled “What Would Jesus Do?” Sheldon's novel grew out of a series of sermons he delivered in his Congregationalist church in Topeka, Kansas.

In 1993, Garrett W. Sheldon (great-grandson of the original author) and Deborah Morris published “What Would Jesus Do?” A contemporary retelling of Charles M. Sheldon's classic “In His Steps”. Garrett Sheldon states that his updated version “is based on many actual events in the lives of believers”.

A youth group leader at Calvary Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan, named Janie Tinklenberg, began a grassroots movement to help the teenagers in her group remember the phrase; it spread worldwide in the 1990s among Christian youth, who wore bracelets bearing the initials “WWJD”. Later, a sequel bracelet was generated with the initials “FROG,” to provide an answer to “WWJD.” “FROG” was an acronym for “Fully Rely on God”.

In 2005, Garry Wills wrote “What Jesus Meant”, in which he examined “What Would Jesus Really Do” (also a book review in Esquire Magazine).

In April 2010 a film, “WWJD”, starring Adam Gregory and based on “In His Steps” by Charles Sheldon, was released on DVD. On March 31, 2015, a sequel film was released “WWJD What Would Jesus Do? The Journey Continues”. The second film using the moniker “WWJD”

II” was “[The Woodcarver](#)” which was released in 2012. It has a similar theme but different characters. (Wikipedia)

It wasn’t until the early 2000’s that you could actually purchase WWJD bracelets and t-shirts.

How do you know “What Jesus Would Do”? You must develop His mentality and His intentionality.

Jesus Christ is our “template”. We have His example to follow.

Let’s first look at 1 Peter 2:21:

1 Peter 2:21: “For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example (“ὕπογραμμός” – “*hupogrammos*”) for you to follow in His steps.”

“Leaving” – The present active participle of “ὕπολιμπάνω” – “*hupolimpano*” – meaning to bequeath or leave behind.

“An example” - accusative singular masculine of (“ὕπογραμμός”) “*hupogrammos*”. This word is a “hapax legomenon” in the Greek New Testament.

Definition: Hapax legomenon (plural: hapax legomena; sometimes shortened to hapax) literally means “(a thing) said only once” in Greek, and it was originally used in Biblical studies to refer to a word that appears uniquely in one place in the Old or New Testament.

1. The noun “*hupogrammos*” is used only one time in the Greek New Testament.
2. It means pattern, or example.
3. It is derived from the word “*hupographo*” which literally means, to write under. “*hupo*”; a preposition meaning under, and “*grapho*”, the verb, meaning “to write”.
4. Put in context, “γράφω” – “*grapho*” this is an aid given to beginning students learning to write the letters of the alphabet. An alphabetical template.
5. Definition of “*template*” from the “Encarta Dictionary”: [Something which serves as a master pattern from which other similar things can be made. A pattern or a mold.](#)
6. This was a style used to copy a text or work of art much like a tracing.
7. Very similar to a template something which serves as a master pattern from which other similar things can be patterned or molded.
8. The life of our Lord is our pattern or template. We are to be cut in exactly the same mold if we are to replicate His lifestyle and thinking as per:

Romans 12:2: “And be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is good and acceptable and the perfect will of God.”

- Using a tool and die makers analogy, it took our Lord 33 years to produce and refine the template that he has now passed on to us.

Living the Spiritual Life will cut you into the image of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Using the template produces a perfect fit every time.

- Mess up the template and the results of reproduction will be distorted.
- The template left by our Lord is a pattern for our thinking and actions for the purpose and with the results that we should walk in His steps.

Notice I Peter 2:21 again. “That you should follow”

This is the aorist active subjunctive of “*epakoloutheo*” – (“*ἐπακολουθέω*”). The subjunctive mood indicates your volitional choice. It means to be in the same way or to follow after, follow his path, walk in his steps.

You do know there are mandates in scripture where our Lord gives us direction to follow Him?

Matthew 11:28: “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.”

“Come” is an adverb which is a rare “imperative” “*δεῖτε*” – “*deute*” or in the English “come”.

This same word is used in Matthew 4:19 when our Lord told Peter and his brother Andrew “Follow” Me and I will make you “fishers of men”.

This is not a request; it is the intent of our Commander (The Lord Jesus Christ) that we come to Him or follow after Him.

- He is our guide when walking the lanes of life.
- He has gone before us and marked the trail we are to follow.
- We can follow His path or veer off into the minefields of life.
- Every time you show up for bible class you are fulfilling this mandate.
- When our Pastor teaches us, he is identifying the trail markers the Lord left us.

6. He was here before you. He took the point.
7. He identified the minefields of religion, politics, trusted friends, and satanic temptation.
8. Never forget, He went through it alone, and so will you.
9. Your friends may desert you; religion will curse you; politics will imprison you, and your family may reject you. But your Heavenly Father will never turn His back on you.

2 Chronicles 16:9: “For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.”

Proverbs 5:21: “For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the Lord, And He watches all his paths.”

Now let's a quick look at Matthew 11:28-30:

Vs. 28: “Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Vs. 29: “Take (Imperative) My yoke upon you and learn (Imperative) (to increase in knowledge, to be informed) from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Vs. 30: “For my yoke is easy and my burden light.”

We have two imperative mandates: “Take” and “Learn” (both volitional).

We have two descriptive verbs of the believer or unbeliever “Labor” (to work or toil till exhausted) and “Heavy Laden” (Loaded down with burden of unwarranted adversity)

We have “Rest”: (To recover and collect your strength, to refresh you, promised in two separate places.)

We have two descriptive adjectives of our Lord's personality profile. “Meek” (A gentle master) and “Lowly in Heart” (His humility).

Philippians 2:5-7: “Have this attitude in yourselves, which was also in Christ Jesus,

Vs. 6: Who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

Vs. 7: but made Himself of no reputation and took upon Himself the form of a servant (Doulos) and was made in the likeness of man.”

Mark 10:45: “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

We have two more descriptive adjectives of His load He will give us “Easy” ([Manageable, pleasant](#)) and “Light” ([Not heavy, easy to move](#)).

PRINCIPLES:

1. Those who study, grow, learn, and apply God’s word find relief from the burden of religion, problems in life, guilt, testing, etc.
2. Those who do not continue to struggle with a load that he cannot manage.
3. This explains why those advancing to spiritual maturity can have a Relaxed Mental Attitude in spite of the testing in the devil’s world.
4. Those who do not, have no hope and no relief, for they must fight to stay afloat.
5. As long as you are willing to use your volition to obey these two imperatives, you will find rest.
6. The active voice of “**take**” implies you must “*take action.*”
7. The action is to pick up the “*zugos*” ([yoke](#)) and allow the Lord to take the reins.
8. He may need to “*goad*” you a bit so that you will stay on course, but your path will be straight.
9. In Hebrews 12, the writer instructs us in matters of sin and discipline.

Hebrews 12:12: “**Strengthen your tired arms and weak knees. Keep walking straight paths so that your injured leg won’t get worse. Instead, let it heal.**” ([Keep moving forward as you recover from your discipline.](#))

Those not following our Lord’s example and instruction have no direction and no one to instruct them. They reject truth and ignore encouragement to study truth and therefore they seal their own doom.

Proverbs 1:32: “**Fools destroy themselves because of their indifference but whoever listens to me will live without worry and will be free from the dread of disaster.**”

Proverbs 12:15: “**A stubborn fool considers his own way the right one, but a person who listens to advice is wise.**”

We have the main verb: “**Come**” and it is the imperative use of the Greek word: “*Deute*” – “*δεϋτε*”

“**All ye that labor**” - It means to be exhausted or tired or weary. The question is [why are you weary](#)? The answer is you have been “**heavy laden**”.

The Greek word here is “*phortizo*” – “*φορτίζω*”. It means to carry a load too heavy, a load placed on you causing some form of discomfort or suffering, mentally or physically. The burden may be self-induced, or some other form of testing but, either way, the burden is real. It may be unbearable, too much to endure in the human realm.

Remember Job 14:1: “**Man born of woman is of few days and full of trouble.**”

Look at the relief our Savior offers if we obey this mandate.

“**I will give you rest**”. We have the verb “*anapauro*” – “*ἀναπαύω*”. It means to refresh or to recover.

Do you not remember 1 Corinthians 10:13:

“**No temptation has overtaken you, but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.**”

Matthew 11:29 we see the aorist active imperative of “**Take**” – “*airo*” – “*αἶρω*”. To take up upon oneself, to lift up.

Here is the key word in this verse “**Yoke**” the masculine noun “*zugos*” – “*ζυγός*”. The yoke is the template that cuts us into his image.

What exactly is this “**yoke**”?

- a) It is a metaphorical use of a wooden beam that is attached over the head of a pulling animal, Oxen or Mule.
  - b) The yoked one is the subservient one, and he is controlled by the one who holds the reins.
  - c) It gives the connotation of sub service or a link between two people.
  - d) It is our voluntary submission to His rule and direction; a direct mandate to learn and use the Protocol Plan of God. 2 Timothy 2:15; Matthew 11:29; 2 Peter 3:18
1. This is none other than Occupation with Christ.
  2. He alone controls our destiny and direction.
  3. The only way you will ever have complete fulfillment in life is to recognize what Paul taught. “**For me to live is Christ**”.

Colossians 3:17: “**And whatever you do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ giving thanks to God the Father through Him.**”

4. The greatest enemy to occupation with Christ is self!
5. Arrogance is the deceiver of self through an unrealistic self-image.

James 1:22: “Be a doer of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

6. The arrogant one will never pick up the “yoke” because he seeks to receive and not serve.
7. Picking up that “yoke” requires reciprocal love motivation.

Why would the Lord mandate us to yoke ourselves to him??

The answer is simple. Ephesians 3:16: “That he would grant you according to the riches of His glory to be strengthened with might by his spirit in the inner man.”

8. This “yoke” or “zugos” that our Lord instructs us to pick up and put on is a metaphorical picture of positive volition to the protocol plan of God. It is an exact copy of the spiritual life tested and deployed by our Lord. We pick it up and put it on, then God the Holy Spirit begins to go to work shaping and molding us until we replicate the life of Christ.

Ephesians 2:10: “For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto divine good production which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

9. This template is invisible and applied to the soul. Paul recognized the finished work of God the Holy Spirit when he said in Ephesians 3:16: “So that He would give you according to the riches of His glory, His very own power so that you may be strengthened in the inner man by means of the Holy Spirit.”
10. Remember, you cannot pick up the “yoke” if you do not obey the imperative of “deute” or “come”.
11. The “yoke” is “easy” – (*christos*) good, gracious, kind. His “yoke” is manageable, and uplifting, gentle and edifying.
12. 1 Peter 2:3: “If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.” This word “gracious” is the same word used here and translated “easy”.

PRINCIPLE: This voluntary submission to the “yoke” of our Lord will not drain nor weaken you, but instead make you stronger.

PRINCIPLE: Our Lord will never subject you to unrealistic goals nor burden you with unnecessary ritual.

So, if I were to identify the personality profile of our Lord that we should follow, part of it would definitely include:

“Wisdom” - Proverbs 9:10: “The fear (respect or reverence) of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”

“Knowledge” – Colossians 2:3: “In Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

“Foresight” – Philippians 1:9: “And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment.” (“*aisthesis*” – cognition, perception, discretion.)

“Understanding” – Psalms 119:104: “Through your precepts I get understanding.”

There is no doubt He had developed wisdom.

Luke 2:52: “And Jesus kept on increasing in wisdom (*σοφία (sophía)*) and physical maturity, and in grace [*χάρις (cháris)*] from the immediate source of God [*θεός (Théos)*] and all mankind”.

There is no doubt He had phenomenal understanding.

Luke 2:47: “And all that heard Him were amazed at His understanding and answers.”

Without a doubt he had amazing foresight.

Mark 10:32-34: “They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again, he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him.

Vs. 33: We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles,

Vs. 34: who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.”

His understanding of the scriptures was legendary. Go back to age 12 in the temple and how the Scribes and Pharisees were amazed at His understanding of the scriptures.

Luke 2:45-47: “When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem looking for Him.

Vs. 46: Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.

Vs. 47: And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.”

We must remember the Old Testament scriptures were written about Him but also to Him. He had a roadmap of His life in the prophecies of the Old Testament. He knew the foretold events of His life.

If our Lord acquired these assets in His human body, then we can as well. Remember, His spiritual life was our prototype. He demonstrated a unique lifestyle while in human form.

If you study Christ's life, you can see how He dealt with rejection and temptation, as well as political and religious pressure. We learn what is expected of us.

Jesus Christ faced political pressure from Rome but never appealed to politics.

He was mocked by religious leaders but never got discouraged.

He was tempted repeatedly but never succumbed to the temptation.

The people He needed the most, sold Him out and even denied Him.

If you stick with Bible Doctrine, be prepared to suffer. Your friends will turn on you, religion will oppose you, politicians will use you, and Satan will discourage you.

Those of you who are in the ministry, your message will be distorted, you will be discredited, the hearers will be discouraged, and the objective will be defeated. Remember, Satan is working way ahead of you seeking to cut you off at the pass.

**Romans 5:3:** “**And not only that but we also glory** (Our testing brings glory to us and the Lord, if we pass.) **in tribulation knowing that tribulation** (Everyday problems) **produces perseverance** (Endurance with people or circumstances) **and perseverance produces character and character produces hope** (*elpis* - ἐλπίς: the noun for joyful expectation or confident expectation).”

Col. Thieme says this about “hope”: Hope must be defined in two categories: confident expectation and absolute expectation with regard to the future. The difference between confident expectation and absolute expectation is your spiritual status. If you have walked through the door of hope (a personal sense of destiny – Problem Solving Device #6) with God's agenda, then you have converted confident expectation into absolute expectation.

Hope is the monopoly of the believer who is positive to Bible doctrine. 1 Thessalonians 4:13, "That you may not grieve with the rest who have no hope.”

If you want to know what Christ did and replicate His life, you're going to have to humble yourself. That means to orient to authority. You're going to have to become obedient. That's what the Bible says Christ did in Philippians 2:7-8:

Vs. 7: “But emptied Himself, taking the form of a bondservant, and being made in the likeness of men.

Vs. 8: Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

There is no greater illustration than the humanity of our Lord.

He humbled Himself and became obedient. So, we have to humble ourselves and become obedient to His word.

1 Peter 5:5-6: “You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the arrogant, but gives grace to the humble.

Vs. 6: Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time.”

As a member of the human race, our Lord had to learn humility from the authority of His parents (Hebrews 5:8).

As He grew, He learned authority orientation from the training of His parents and the authority of Scripture so that He was able to choose never to sin (Hebrews 4:15; 2 Corinthians 5:21).

He accepted the authority of God the Father. He was free to avoid the cross, but He humbled Himself in obedience to God’s plan for His life. There would be no salvation without our Lord’s humility. Our Lord humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of the death of the cross.

True Humility as found in the Word of God is the quality that allows us to live the Christian Life.

In the end, living a life of humility and obedience to the Word of God, is honorable (Proverbs 18:12; 29:23) and exalting (1 Peter 5:6). “To live humbly with your God.”

1. Genuine humility is required in order to execute the Christian Life.
2. Genuine Humility is freedom from pride and arrogance.
3. There is nothing worse than a proud arrogant self-righteous Christian.
4. Without genuine humility, the believer is forever divorced from reality.
5. When there is no genuine humility, God the Father teaches through enforced humility by means of divine discipline.
6. Genuine humility is simply obedience to the divine mandates without complaining or whining about being treated unfairly.

7. Humility or being humble in the unique spiritual life of the Church Age is recognition of the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ and submitting to that authority.
8. In Biblical humility, the independence of human power and ability is reduced to zero, so that dependence on the power and ability of God are increased to the maximum through the function of grace.

I Peter 5:5b-6: “God resisteth the proud but he gives grace to the humble.

Vs. 6: Humble yourselves therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.”

“Humble yourselves” - The aorist/passive/imperative of “*TAPEINOO*” - *ταπεινώω* (shut up and listen and obey without making excuses)

The “Passive voice” of this verb indicates this is accomplished only by means of the Filling of the Holy Spirit, not some false humility.

You do know our Lord faced tests we cannot imagine. Do you think Jesus ever faced the fear of death? Absolutely! “My Son, I want You to go to earth, become a man and die and I will raise You up in three days.” “What?”

Jesus had the ultimate test. He had to willingly die and trust that His Father would resurrect Him. Trust that His Father would not abandon Him. It had to be hard and, even the night before He died, He said, “Father let this cup pass from Me” and then He said, “Nevertheless not My will but Thy will be done”.

Here’s the question for you. Do you believe God will raise you up again like Jesus believed it?

Matthew 4:1: “Then was Jesus led up under the authority of the Holy Spirit into the desert to be tempted from the source of the devil.”

Our Lord, had to be tested in order to become the prototype for the Church-Age believer. Jesus was impeccable and therefore not able to sin, nevertheless, the temptations were real.

The Holy Spirit led him into the desert where His volition was challenged in order to establish the prototype for the soon-to-become Church-Age believers.

Jesus had the filling of the Holy Spirit and was tested to follow the will of God while being tempted by the devil: [diabolos (diábolos): “accuser, slanderer, adversary, tempter”; proper names: “Lucifer, Satan”].

Matthew 4:2: “After He fasted [nhsteúw (nēsteúō): privately for concentration on the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit] forty days and forty nights, He was hungry.”

Fasting refers to the decision to avoid eating so as to focus attention on the study and retention of divine guidance.

Mathew 4:3: “And when the tempter [devil, Lucifer, Satan] came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, and you are, speak to these stones commanding them to become bread.”

Lucifer issued a first-class condition to command Jesus to speak to the stones. The structure of the sentence indicates that Lucifer knew Jesus was the Son of God.

And since He is the Son of God, then Lucifer commands Him to:

“speak to these stones by commanding them to become bread.”

1. Recognizing Jesus as deity does not indicate that Lucifer is saved by this comment. It means that he recognizes the fact but continues, and remains, the lead witness for the defense before the Divine Court of Appeals.
2. Lucifer has been judged, found guilty, and sentenced to the lake of fire. The only reason his incarceration has not already taken place was his appeal to the court to allow his appeal.
3. In this scene, Lucifer is cross-examining Jesus in His true humanity to disqualify Him as a witness before the court.
4. If Jesus does what Lucifer commands, He will have discredited Himself as a witness by using His deity to perform the task.
5. It is the humanity of Christ that is under cross-examination, not His deity. Jesus’ task is to perform the duty of inculcating doctrine into his human soul in order to use Scripture to do battle in the angelic conflict.

Matthew 4:4: “But He [Jesus] answered and said, “It was written in the past with results that stand forever, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that keeps on coming out of the mouth of God which is to our advantage.’” (EXT)

Jesus did not use the power of His deity in His response but did use the power of the Word of God to do so in:

Deuteronomy 8:3b: ... “man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.”

1. Victory in the angelic conflict is not accomplished solely by utilization of worldly provisions such as food, but by the study, retention, facilitation, and application of the Word of God.

2. Our relationship with God is through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Just having the general necessities of life is not really living. Having a relationship with God must come first and that is through the study of the Word of God.
3. Throughout this passage, Jesus successfully passed all the tests that Lucifer threw at Him which prepared Him to endure the cross, while being judged for the sins of the entire world.

When tempted by Satan, He continually relied on the power and promises of the Word of God (Matthew 4; Deuteronomy 8:3; 6:16; 6:13).

So, if you're going to do what Jesus did, you will have to follow Him, and that means your faith is going to be tested. Everything you learn in the Bible Classes our pastor teaches, you're going to be tested on them. I hate to tell you that but that's the way it is. The Bible says in, 1 Peter 1:7:

“That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tried by fire,” “that it might be found in the praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.”

Faith has to be tested and we see how to handle that testing by the example the Lord Jesus Christ left for us.

The template left by our Lord is a pattern for our thinking and actions so that we should walk in His steps.

You are going to be tested and now we know how to handle it. If you continue your spiritual advance not only will you be tested but you will be hated.

I've told you before, and I want to remind you again, persecution is coming in terms of anti-Christian thinking; you've just begun to see the tip of the iceberg.

But our Lord was hated, and He was persecuted, so we have no reason to be concerned because our Lord tells us in Matthew 10:16-22:

Vs.16: “Behold I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, therefore be as wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Vs.17: But beware of men for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues;

Vs.18: and you will be brought before Governors and Kings for my sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

Vs.19: But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you shall speak. For it will be given you in that hour what you should say.

Vs.20: For it is not you who speaks but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

Vs.21: Brother will deliver brother, Father will deliver children, children will deliver parents and cause them to be put to death.

Vs.22: You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But he who endures to the end, shall be delivered (future passive indicative of "sozo" – "σῶζω" here it means to be delivered from danger or even death.) from persecution."

John 17:14: "I have given them Your word and the world hated them because they are not of this world just as I am not of this world."

Psalm 69:4: "They that hate are without cause. They are more than the hairs of mine head."

John 15:20: "If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you."

Philippians 1:29: "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him but also to suffer for His sake."

Another example our Lord left us was how to pray and He told us to pray without ceasing!!

Did our Lord pray?

Matthew 5:44: "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Luke 23:34: "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Luke 22:41-42: "And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and began to pray.

Vs.42: saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Thy will be done."

He tells us how to pray:

Be in fellowship and filled with the Holy Spirit by confessing any known sins to God the Father. 1 John 1:9 & 1 Thessalonians 5:19

Address your prayer to God the Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and close in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew 6:6 & Ephesians 6:18

He tells us what to pray:

Gratitude and Thanksgiving: Give adoration and thanksgiving to God for His daily grace provisions. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 & Ephesians 5:20

Intercessions: Pray for others. Ephesians 6:18 and pray for our nation and its leadership. 2 Chronicles 7:14 & Numbers 14:13. Pray for those who see to do you harm. Matthew 5:44 & Luke 6:28

Petitions and Supplications: Pray for yourself. Hebrews 4:16 Request sanctification of food. 1 Timothy 4:4-5

So, if we want to know “What Jesus Would Do”? We have to know what “He Did”. And that starts with knowing the “Mind of Christ,” which He left for us, and sitting and studying under a qualified pastor who teaches us Bible Doctrine. We can then follow the mandates and the example He left for us.

We did not touch on everything, it would take years to teach all the examples our Lord left for us to follow, but I tried to touch on a couple of very important attributes of our Lord that we need to replicate if we are going to be someone God can use.

We know that Christianity itself is under attack and is being suppressed in the public forum (the courts, Marxists, the government, etc.). The gospel, which has been freely preached for years in this nation, is being squelched and forbidden in society. Christians are mocked for believing; Churches are being abandoned by believers because they don't teach the Scripture. Christians are more involved in social issues than they are spiritual issues.

Believers are not assembling due to laziness. If you don't assemble, you miss like minds and encouragement. You are bombarded by evil at all other times. I want to tell you, you're only like-mindedness is in this church.

I can tell you this: our Lord had no fear and He left us His example of how to handle it. Was it fun to go to the cross? No, it wasn't; but He fulfilled His duty with NO FEAR so that by simple faith alone in Him alone, we can have eternal life.

The fear believers have of the present, and of the future, is a direct result of not inculcating and applying the Word of God in your soul.

So, every time you show up in this Bible class, and every time you listen Joe teach the Word of God, it is equipping you to handle whatever storm you may face in your life. By using the doctrine that you have in your soul, God is glorified to the max. You never have to be afraid. You never have to worry. You don't have to be stressed out.

But if you're going to apply it, you must have something to apply. So, you need to get here and sit down and shut up and fake it until you make it.