

The Greatest Commandment

Mark 12:28-30

A Christian's Life Journey.

- Accept Christ to be your Savior & Lord
- Be baptized and acknowledge Him publicly
- Daily devotion and prayer
- Attend Sunday service to praise & worship God corporately
- Join a fellowship to study God's word systematically
- To be transformed by the renewing of your mind

The road ahead.



Long & winding, ups & downs!



It is a marathon....



Hebrew 12:1

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

Finish the race...



The great cloud of witnesses are all those people who have lived before us, walk along side of us — whether famous or not — who have lived or are living lives of faith, following God, worshipping Jesus, showing us a rich spiritual legacy.

Thinking about their lives, gives us an inspiration. Their example shows us how to have that kind of faith and how to live it.

Mark 12: 28 - 30

28 One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The foremost is,

'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; 30 AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'

Deuteronomy 6: 4 - 9

4 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!

5 You shall **love** the LORD your God with all your **heart** and with all your soul and with all your might.

6 These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.

7 You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.

9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

How can we show our love for God?

Deuteronomy 5: 7 – 12

7 You shall have no other gods before Me. 8 You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. 9 You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, 10 but showing loving kindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. 11 You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain. 12 Observe the Sabbath day to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you.

Do you love your Lord?

You said you believe in Jesus,

Why are you not true to your faith?

Although you say you have been following Jesus,

Why are you still wandering on the paths of the world?

Why are you not following Him faithfully;

Study His word, meditate and pray to nurture your soul?

Love your church and bring the lost to Christ,

Be holy to glorify God.

You say you have believed Jesus many years.

Why your love for Him is still luke warm?

Our goal in this New Year

- Let us know our God: study His word daily so we will know His will & ways
- Let us turn our back on our idols
- Let us praise & glorify our God's holy name
- Let us be fully committed, set aside time each week to come together to worship Him