

Week 3 Homework – Jesus, My First Love
Rag Doll- “Learning to Trust and Abide in Christ”

Day 1 Surrender - Read these verses on surrender: Psalm 127:2, Isaiah 31:1, Zechariah 4:6, Judges 7:2

What are you holding onto?

Are you fully surrendered?

Spend time praying about your life and ask God if there is anything you have not let go of? Is there anything that is taking a higher place than your relationship with Jesus? Are you willing to let go of anything that is revealed to you through prayer?

Prayer: Thank God for His deep love and His desire to have ALL your heart. Pray for daily surrender in your day-to-day life and a willingness to walk fully yielded to the Master's plan.

Day 2 Beginnings - Read the *Sermon on the Mount* Matthew 5-7, Matthew 7:13-14, and Psalm 139

How did you start your journey with Jesus?

What was your life like in the beginning when you were first learning to trust Him?

Meditate on Psalm 139 and remember how deep the Father's love is for you.

Day 3 Trials and Difficulties - Read Isaiah 40:28-31, Luke 22:42, Matthew 26:39, Mark 14:36, Isaiah 41:13, Ephesians 3:16:21, Philippians 4:11-13, 19, 2 Timothy 4:17

How do you respond when life is hard?

What helps you to stay strong in your faith when troubles come?

Write in your journal all the scriptures that help you when you are weak, scared, stressed, tired or struggling. Keep those close to for reflection.

Day 4 Learning to Follow - Read Deuteronomy 31:6, 8, Psalm 32:8, Nehemiah 8:1-12, Joshua 1:6-9, Matthew 11:28-30, Matthew 22:37-40, Matthew 25, Mark 1:16-20, 35, Philippians 2:3-5, 2 Timothy 4:2,5, Romans 12:

What does it mean to follow Jesus? How would you explain it to someone else?

When you read today's Bible verses, put your name in each of the scriptures. Pray for your continued full and immediate obedience as you reflect on following Jesus.

Take a prayer walk or prayer drive and talk to Jesus. Talk to Him about your day. Then listen. Ask for His guidance for each step. Reflect on this verse: "My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20

Day 5 Trusting and Abiding Read John 15, Philippians 3:13-14, Proverbs 3:5-6, Hebrews 12:1-2, Romans 8:26-27, Isaiah 6:8, Philippians 4:6-7, 19, Psalm 46:10, 2 Chronicles 20:15, 17, Colossians 1:27

Do you walk with Jesus without a Plan B?

Are you willing to say "Yes" no matter what?

In what ways has God been faithful in your life? Write them all down. Take your time but keep writing. Now reflect on all those times and give thanks. Begin your daily quiet time here by remembering that you can trust God now because you have seen His faithful hand.

Remember "Christ lives in you" and He will always be with you. Don't forget Him as your first love. Trust Him and Abide with Him. Spend time in His presence loving Him and knowing you are fully loved.