

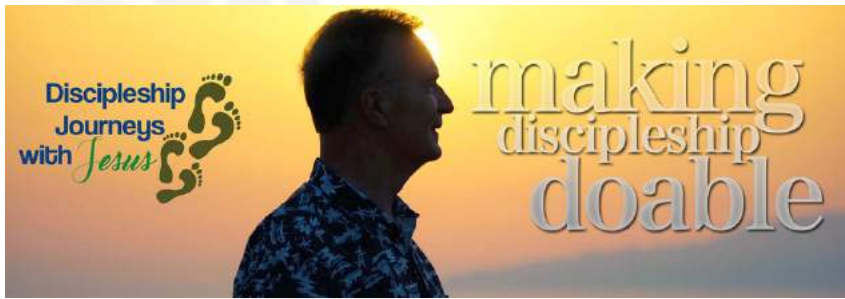


# Discipleship Journeys with Jesus 5th Anniversary Celebration Program

September 18, 2021  
7-8:30 PM (PDT)

1. **Welcome and Prayer**-Dr. Cynthia Standley-Chair of the DJJ Board
2. **Video Message** from Sun-Yee Ho-Ambassador to Singapore and the Philippines
3. **Milestones and Stories**-Patty Hansen-Operations Director
4. **Video Message** from Bishop John Forde-Ambassador to Barbados
5. **Introduction of the Founder and President of DJJ**-Dr. Hal Seed-Lead Pastor of New Song Community Church, Oceanside, CA
6. **Program Message**-Dr. Mark Alan Williams-Founder and President
7. **2022 Goals**-Dr. Cynthia Standley-Chair of the DJJ Board
8. **Video Message** from Wilmot Bulo-Ambassador to Liberia
9. **Fasting and Prayer Challenge**-Dr. Mark Alan Williams-Founder and President
10. **Introduction to the Holy Land Pilgrimage in October 2022**-Elias Nawawieh-Founder of Elias Tours, and Dr. Mark Alan Williams
11. **Closing**-Pastor Mike Mieritz-Senior Pastor of The Center church in Escondido, CA





## Happy 4th Anniversary Discipleship Journeys with Jesus!

October 2020

**Thank you for your prayers and support for DJJ over the first four years.** Included this month you will find a separate sheet of **Five Opportunities** to partner financially with us. If you can help with a special gift or a monthly pledge, please either go to our website's donate page or use the bottom of that sheet and return it in the enclosed envelope.

We are celebrating four years of ministry! Praise God for His faithfulness and all that He has accomplished through us. **Four years ago, we started with a dream to create discipleship materials and help meet the immense need for easy-to-use, A to Z steps to being true disciples.** Now that dream is becoming a reality.

**The main thing: It has been said that the main thing is to make the main thing the main thing. At DJJ the main thing is to take 100 million people on discipleship journeys with Jesus. That certainly is a God-sized vision!**

This Ministry Update is not like our usual updates as we have compiled some of our key milestones to share and revisit with you. There are so many things that we can see God's hand in, from the original vision going from 1/2 million to 10 million to finally a God-sized goal of 100 million.

We feel that our biggest asset to moving discipleship forward is through people having the materials in their native language and by having leaders in each country to help create discipleship groups. Our main vehicle to teach others how to start discipleship groups is through our Partnership Training. **To reach the vision for 2021 that God is leading us to, we need you!**

Praise God that we have the opportunity to join God in moving discipleship forward around the world! This is just the beginning of what God is going to do through DJJ! Momentum is building as we expand and grow.

Thank you for being part of this great work of God through your prayer and financial support.

**P.S. Check out our new website redesign when you can!**

### Next Month...

**we will return to our usual format and you will be introduced to:**

1. A new translator
2. Another ministry Core Value
3. Donor-sponsored translations
4. A new disciple!

**Dr. Mark Alan Williams**

**Founder and President**

# KEY MILESTONES FROM THE LAST FOUR YEARS



## SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

Dr. Mark Williams gave his notice at Dynamic Church Planting International (DCPI) and announced the newly formed ministry, Discipleship Journeys with Jesus. Paul (DCPI President) and Cathy Becker, (VP of Advancement) gave their blessing and the following day was the first official day of DJJ.

Picture: Mark and Carolyn being prayed over by Paul and Cathy.



## 2017

Lessons were planned and writing started. Beta-testing group started for the materials. Temporary videos were recorded, and plans were made to record the permanent videos in the Holy Land.

Mark went on the first Partnership Event to Brazil. He was able to connect with and recruit our staff member, Jason Resende.



Our Board of Directors met, and decisions were made on how best to move forward with launching the materials on the website and more.

We held a Launch Party to mark our 1-year Anniversary and the release of the New Testament Quarter 1 materials on the website.



### 2017 Pictures:

- 1) Mark, Ollis, Patty, Graham, and Matthew reviewing Quarter 1
- 2) Partnership Trip to Brazil
- 3) DJJ Board of Directors Meeting with Carlos Sales, Steve Foster, Rich Fernandez, and Mark Williams
- 4) Mark, Steve Schlange, and Patty recording the first videos
- 5) Volunteers stuffing a Ministry Update mailing, Iris and Bella R., Sue D., and Patty
- 6) Mark received the Entrepreneurial Faith Award from New Song Community Church from Dr. Hal Seed
- 7/8) Launch Event. First materials on the website, English Quarter 1. Lora B., Darlene and Virgil L. having fun at the event, Graham Foster receiving an Ambassador Award, and our M.C. and Materials Designer, Munyoki Mulwa.





# KEY MILESTONES FROM THE LAST FOUR YEARS

## 2018

Jason Resende, of Brazil, joined the DJJ team. The first translation, Portuguese, was released on the website. Mark went to India and soon had a larger vision. In July, the DJJ Board adopted an even bigger vision of reaching 100 Million Disciples. Mark went to Malawi with Carlos Sales of Reaching the Hungry and they held another Partnership Event. The Chichewa translation was released on the website. Mark recorded New Testament videos in Israel. **We ended the year having been downloaded in 40 countries.** Lesson writing and design development continued.

**2018 Pictures:** 1) Fabiana and Jason Resende, Latin America Rep.  
2) Partnership Event in Malawi, Africa



## 2019

### A year of growth.

Beth Harris and Emil Reyes joined as volunteer staff. Outreach Marketing started donating web impressions and ads. Google ad grants allowed us to advertise and be searched easier.

Mark and our ministry partners, Johnnie and Shulan Achord, held a Partnership Event in Vista, CA for Chinese leaders. We worked with Regis Sudo to create custom maps for our materials. Mark and Jason went to Ensenada, Mexico and held a mini-Partnership Event.

Mark presented the ministry to the Barnabas Group, a local networking group. Additional videos filmed in the Holy Lands. More materials were alpha, beta, and gamma tested.

By year end the materials were downloaded in 75 countries.

**2019 Pictures:** 1) Beth receiving her Q1 certificate during our monthly prayer group.  
2) Youth Discipleship Group in Brazil  
3) Portuguese Materials and communion at a small group  
4) Chinese Partnership Event in Vista, CA  
5) DJJ Board: Cynthia Standley, Carlos Sales, Steve Foster, Mark, and Richard Fernandez  
6) Parade in Liberia celebrating NT Q1 completion  
7) Oceanside, CA Discipleship Group Completing NT Q2



# KEY MILESTONES FROM THE LAST FOUR YEARS

## 2020

January started with Mark going to Africa to hold four Partnership Events in Kenya, Liberia, and Uganda. As a result of this trip, many discipleship groups were started. Three leaders arose and they accepted positions as Regional Coordinators. Kennedy Karanja, David Gbalee, and Godfrey Kakembo are vital to discipleship in their countries.

As of this printing, we have our first two Partnership Team Ambassadors, Jeremiah Isingnoma and Charles Peter, both from Uganda.

We took our first DJJ Discipleship Trip to Israel with 49 ministry partners and friends. Mark stayed after this trip to record videos for our Old Testament Journeys. We hope to go on more trips, and that you will plan on coming with us!

Dasha Gubina joined as an Executive Assistant and is also helping with the graphic design. As a result of the global pandemic, our infrastructure and team development has had a lot of needed attention

We released a 3rd revision on NT Q1, 4th revision on the Partnership Training, English Q3, and to date three new translations, Chinese, Russian and French on our newly revised website! We have several more planned for release by the end of the year as we have 20 translators actively working on languages throughout the world. We anticipate English Q4 and a revised Q2, and a beta-testing of our Children's Curriculum.

**At the time of printing, we have been downloaded in 89 countries!**

- 2020 Pictures:** 1) Partnership Training in Uganda led by Kennedy Karanja  
2) Israel tour on the Sea of Galilee  
3) Website Revision Phase 1 completed  
4) Uganda Regional Coordinator, Godfrey Kakembo, with the new Partnership Training Event materials



### Ways to Donate on our website:

djjministry.org and use the "donate" button to set up a donation.

Text to Give: 1-844-481-0460

Links for PayPal and stock donations available.

### Mail a donation to:

P.O. Box 2975 Vista, CA 92085-2975





# President's Message

Dr. Mark Alan Williams

Founder and President  
Discipleship Journeys with Jesus

## Discipleship

### I. Why Discipleship?

Discipleship is the key \_\_\_\_\_ of believers and the church: Jesus commanded us to do as He did and "make disciples."

"The greatest issue facing the world today, with all its heartbreaking needs, is whether those who, by profession or culture, are identified as 'Christians' will become disciples." Dallas Willard

### II. Why DJJ?

**First**, there must be a \_\_\_\_\_ for discipleship.

"Spiritual growth doesn't just happen. You have to have a plan!" Rick Warren

**Second**, DJJ is a \_\_\_\_\_, systematic plan for disciple-making.

#### You might be wondering...

**Question One:** Aren't there plenty of other discipleship materials?

**Answer:** Yes and no, because many or most are...

1. Theoretical, DJJ is practical.
2. Western, DJJ is worldwide.
3. Complex, DJJ is simple enough for anyone.
4. Printed, DJJ is digital and thus available instantly worldwide.
5. For sale, DJJ is free and therefore affordable for the masses worldwide.
6. Limited, DJJ is comprehensive.
7. Denominational, DJJ is interdenominational.
8. In English (or a limited number of languages), DJJ is translated into many languages.
9. Erratic. DJJ is based on a systematic study through the Bible.
10. Didactic, DJJ is based on personal study of Scriptures.

#### DJJ is very unique!

**Question Two:** Doesn't disciple-making mean 1-on-1 discipleship?

**Answer:** What would Jesus do? (WWJD) Jesus modeled small group ministry with the Twelve.

**Question Three:** Is the DJJ ministry powerful enough to reach an audacious goal of 100 million disciples?

**Answer:** No, but we have an immense God!



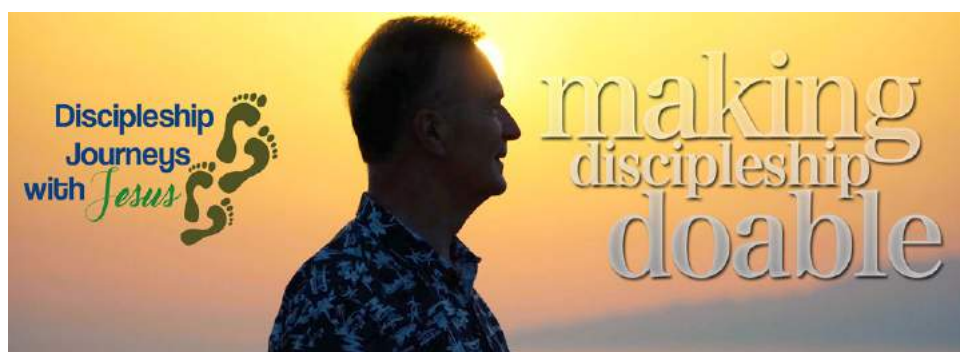
"You never really trust God until you trust Him to do the impossible." F.B. Meyer

"If your vision doesn't scare you, then both your vision and your God are too small."  
Brother Andrew

"Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible. Faith begins where man's power ends." George Müller

"The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." (Luke 18:27 KJV)

**Conclusion: DJJ offers a unique system for making disciples, a top priority of Jesus!**



**Mission Statement:**

This mission exists to disciple people in actionable, biblical wisdom.

**Vision Statement:**

Our vision is to take 100 million people on Discipleship Journeys with Jesus.

**Tag Line:**

Making Discipleship Doable

**What We Do:**

We are a discipleship ministry that helps fulfill Jesus' Great Commission to "make disciples" by providing free digital Bible-based lessons that guide people worldwide in all levels of spiritual growth to obtain full maturity in Jesus. (Ephesians 4:13)

**Theme Verse:**

"You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others."  
(2 Timothy 2:2 NLT)



# JOURNEY 59

Jesus' Journey to Forgiveness and Reconciliation  
*Restoring Relationships*  
Focus: Inner Life

## JOURNEY REVIEW

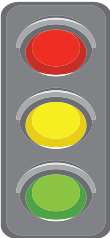
Jesus always was and is with us; therefore, every journey is a “Jesus journey.” “For by Him, all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, things visible and things invisible” Colossians 1:16a. “Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:20

Be sure you are also practicing the other journeys covered so far in this quarter. Check these off if you are following the practices learned. If not, go back, review, and work on your areas of weakness:

- Journey 53 to Creation:** I am worshiping the triune creator God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) in which the Son (Jesus) was the primary agent of creation.
- Journey 54 to Sabbath Rest:** I am observing a weekly Sabbath of rest and worship.
- Journey 55 to Redemption:** I am resisting Satan’s temptations to doubt God and His Word.
- Journey 56 to Humility:** I am restraining pride, so God does not have to correct me.
- Journey 57 to Trusting God’s Promises:** I am following God’s Word and believe His promises, even when His timing is different from mine.

In our last journey, we looked at Jesus’ Journey to Total Surrender. This journey taught us to submit everything to Jesus.

Before moving on to the next journey, we need to answer the question:  
**“Are you willing to submit everything to Jesus?”**



- RED:** I am stuck. I need help from a mentor.
- YELLOW:** I am not sure I can submit everything to Jesus.
- GREEN:** With God’s help, I will submit everything to Jesus

**IF YOU CHECKED “RED,”** before moving on with this journey, review the last lesson (Journey 58) with a mentor to make sure you have identified Scriptures that will help you understand how to submit everything to Jesus.

**IF YOU CHECKED “YELLOW,”** review the last lesson (Journey 58), study the Scriptures, and talk to a mentor to help you understand how you can learn to submit everything to Jesus. Move on to this next journey while you are doing this review, asking God to help you get a green light soon in this area.

**IF YOU CHECKED “GREEN,”** you are ready to move on to this lesson, but please remember that Jesus expects believers to submit everything to Him.



**START YOUR JOURNEY**

Ready to begin your Journey? Click the button below to sign up for DJJ Materials.

**SIGN UP**

**If you can, watch the “Journey 59 Intro” video now.**

**TRIP PREPARATION**

Joseph was raised in a wealthy family and was favored by his father over his brothers. Due to deep-rooted jealousies, his older brothers captured him and sold him into slavery in Egypt. He worked hard and was so reliable as a slave that his master put him in charge of his entire household. However, when he resisted the sexual advances of his master’s wife, in retaliation, she accused him of rape. He was sent to prison for years as a result. Once again, he was so reliable and worked hard that he was appointed manager of the prison.

While managing the prison, Joseph gained a reputation for being godly. Therefore, he was brought before Pharaoh to give spiritual guidance. He was so helpful to Pharaoh that he was appointed Prime Minister of Egypt. After years of serving as Prime Minister, Genesis 45 records the account of his reunion with his brothers. At first, they did not recognize him, but he revealed his identity as their long-lost brother in this passage. It had been about 23 years since they had sold Joseph into slavery.



**Map Note:** The Land of Goshen

JOURNEY PASSAGE

**GENESIS 45:1-15 [WEB]**

**Joseph Reveals His Identity**

<sup>1</sup> Then Joseph couldn’t control himself before all those who stood before him, and he called out, “Cause everyone to go out from me!” No one else stood with him, while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup> He wept aloud. The Egyptians heard, and the house of Pharaoh heard. <sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Does my father still live?” His brothers couldn’t answer him; for they were terrified at his presence. <sup>4</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” They came near. He said, “I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> Now don’t be grieved, nor angry with

yourselves, that you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are yet five years, in which there will be no plowing and no harvest. <sup>7</sup> God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to save you alive by a great deliverance. <sup>8</sup> So now it wasn't you who sent me here, but God, and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, lord of all his house, and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

**Joseph Sends For His Father**

<sup>9</sup> Hurry, and go up to my father, and tell him, 'This is what your son Joseph says, "God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me. Don't wait. <sup>10</sup> You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you will be near to me, you, your children, your children's children, your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup> There I will provide for you; for there are yet five years of famine; lest you come to poverty, you, and your household, and all that you have.'" <sup>12</sup> Behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup> You shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. You shall hurry and bring my father down here." <sup>14</sup> He fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck. <sup>15</sup> He kissed all his brothers, and wept on them. After that his brothers talked with him.

**TRAVEL QUESTIONS**

**ANSWERED IN THIS JOURNEY:** What does this journey teach us about the need to forgive and be reconciled with others?

1. Why do you suppose Joseph was overcome with emotion and wept aloud? (verses 1-3)

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When Joseph spoke to his brothers, they could not answer him because they were terrified. Why were they terrified? \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** The brothers were already afraid of this powerful Prime Minister of Egypt and felt that they might have offended him. They must have been horrified when they found out that he was the brother they had sold into slavery. Joseph could have quickly enacted revenge by having them imprisoned, tortured, and executed. Many would have done this, but not Joseph. He was a man of high character, willing to forgive and be reconciled.

2. What was Joseph saying to his brothers (verse 5): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Though deeply wronged by his brothers, did Joseph forgive them? \_\_\_\_\_

Does he encourage them to forgive themselves? \_\_\_\_\_

Who does Joseph say sent him to Egypt in slavery? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Joseph refers to the famine the world was experiencing and the supplies of grain that he had stockpiled when God revealed to him that famine would come. In all, there would be seven years of famine, two of which had already transpired. Who does Joseph again say sent him to Egypt (verse 7)? \_\_\_\_\_

For what purpose? \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** In preserving Joseph's family, God was protecting the Messianic line of Jesus. The Messiah would eventually come from the tribe of Joseph's brother, Judah. (See Checkpoints at the end of the lesson for further study.)

Who does Joseph say again sent him to Egypt? (verse 8) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** When others have done evil to us, we must not forget that God uses the harm done to us for His good purposes. Joseph later said to his brothers in Genesis 50:20, "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save many people alive." When "wronged," it can be a great encouragement to remember the promise of Romans 8:28, "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

4. Not only did Joseph forgive his brothers, but he also blessed them. What did Joseph promise his brothers and their entire family? (verses 9-11) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Joseph wanted to settle his family near to him in the land of Goshen, one of the most fertile areas of Egypt. They would be moving from Canaan, a land experiencing a severe famine that would continue for another five years. During that time, they would surely lose all their livestock, but in Goshen, they could thrive.

5. Joseph embraced his brother Benjamin. What did he do with the rest of his brothers? (verse 15)

What was the result of Joseph's compassion? \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** The fact that they now talked with him indicates that barriers had come down. Reconciliation had happened, and the relationship was restored.

## TRIP SUMMARY

Jesus told believers to forgive seventy times seven times—meaning virtually unlimited forgiveness. (Matthew 18:22) As Christians, we must always forgive.

If we will not forgive, the warning of Jesus is severe: "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you don't forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matthew 6:14-15)

As Christ's disciples, our aim should always be to forgive and achieve reconciliation as Joseph did with his brothers. While this might not always be achievable, we must do all we can to reconcile. "If it is possible, as much as it is up to you, be at peace with all men." (Romans 12:18)

### Joseph demonstrated some key strategies to achieve reconciliation:

1. He took the initiative to reach out to his brothers (verses 1-3).
2. He expressed forgiveness for their obvious wrongdoing (verses 4-5).
3. He remembered and reassured his brothers that God used their evil for ultimate good (verses 6-8 and Genesis 50:20).
4. He provided protection and provision for them, even though they had severely wronged him (verses 9-13).
5. He expressed love and affection to them (verses 14-15).

### Jesus spoke to two opposite situations:

#### 1. When I have been offended:

Jesus said that when my brother or sister sins against me, I must seek reconciliation: "If your brother sins against you, go, show him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained back your brother." (Matthew 18:15)

**2. When I have been the offender:**

Jesus made it clear that we must seek reconciliation when we know that a brother or sister has something they are holding against us. “If, therefore, you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First, be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.” (Matthew 5:23-24)

In these verses, we see that the responsibility to seek forgiveness and reconciliation is always ours. We must not wait for the other party to reach out. As mature disciples, we are to take the initiative. Even if the issue seems small or repeated, it may, over time, create a barrier. Therefore, it should be addressed and taken care of as soon as possible.

**Forgiveness and reconciliation do not mean that you...**

- Should trust someone who is not trustworthy.
- Should (or can) necessarily forget some terrible offenses, such as abuse or infidelity by a spouse.
- Should wait for an apology before forgiving.
- Are saying or implying that the person has not done wrong or “wins.”
- Must become close friends with someone after reconciliation.
- Can reconcile all circumstances and relationships, despite your best efforts.

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

With whom do you need to seek forgiveness and reconciliation? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you take the initiative to reach out in forgiveness and seek reconciliation? \_\_\_\_\_  
 When? \_\_\_\_\_

How will you reach out for reconciliation? \_\_\_\_\_

When we reach out for forgiveness and reconciliation, the other party might not be cooperative. We cannot force others to reconcile. If we have done our best, that is all God asks. “If it is possible, as much as it is up to you, be at peace with all men.” (Romans 12:18)

**SEEING JESUS ON THIS JOURNEY**

Jesus has always been and always will be. (John 1:1-3; 14, 8:58, 17:5, Philippians 2:6-8, Hebrews 1:10) Following Jesus means following the entire Bible. Why? Because, as He explained, Scripture confirms and explains His identity: “Beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, He explained to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.” (Luke 24:27). “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life, and these are they which testify about me.” (John 5:39) Therefore, the entire Old Testament points to Jesus!

While the Bible never says that Joseph is a symbol of Jesus, there are many striking similarities.

- a. **Uniquely loved by their fathers.** (Joseph-Genesis 37:3-4, 34-35, Jesus-Matthew 3:17; John 5:20)
- b. **Sent forth by their fathers to save others.** (Joseph-Genesis 37:13-14, Jesus-Luke 4:17-19; John 3:13, 16-18, 31, 6:30-36, 38, 41-51, 8:12-20, 23, 16:28)
- c. **Hated by their brothers.** (Joseph-Genesis 37:4, Jesus-John 15:25)



- d. **Claimed the right to rule and were rejected by their brothers (sold for money).** (Joseph-Genesis 37:8, 23, Jesus-Matthew 21:37-39, 26:15-16; John 15:24-25)
- e. **Experienced rejection from others, but God exalted them.** (Joseph-Genesis 41:39-45, Jesus-Philippians 2:8-10)
- f. **Became a great blessing, a savior, to the world—both to Israel and the Gentiles.** (Joseph-Genesis 41:33-45, Jesus-Acts 7:14; Romans 10:12-13; Ephesians 5:25-32)
- g. **Forgave and sought reconciliation.** (Joseph-Genesis 45:1-15, Jesus-2 Corinthians 5:19-20)
- h. **Saw their fathers rejoice with great joy over the son being found and made alive.** (Joseph-Genesis 46:29-30, Jesus-Luke 15:20-24)
- i. **Sold for silver coins, Joseph for 20 pieces of silver, and Jesus Christ for 30 pieces of silver.** (Joseph-Genesis 37:28, Jesus-Matthew 26:14-15)
- j. **Resisted temptation and overcame.** (Joseph-Genesis 39:7-12, Jesus-Matthew 4:1-11)

**NOTE:** These points are from the "Preacher's Outline and Sermon Bible - Commentary - Genesis II."

**ARRIVAL**

**ARRIVAL QUESTION:** What does Jesus' Journey to Forgiveness and Reconciliation teach us?

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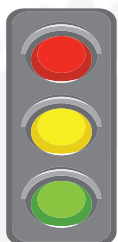
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God expects believers to forgive and seek reconciliation with others.

**HIGHLIGHT OF THE JOURNEY**

**ARE YOU READY TO MOVE ON?**

Honestly, check the option that most accurately describes your current discipleship journey.



- RED:** I am stuck. I need help from a mentor.
- YELLOW:** I am not sure if I am willing to practice forgiveness and reconciliation.
- GREEN:** With God's help, I am willing to forgive and seek reconciliation.

**MEMORY VERSES**

“Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, outcry, and slander be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God also in Christ forgave you.” **Ephesians 4:31-32**

**START YOUR JOURNEY**  
 Ready to begin your Journey? Click the button below to sign up for DJJ Materials.

**SIGN UP**

**If you can, watch the “Journey 59 Closing” video now.**

**CHECKPOINTS ON YOUR JOURNEY**

Here are some important biblical teachings you should know. Study the Scriptural passages to understand the biblical basis. Please check each one to affirm that you understand and accept the Bible’s teaching:

- In salvation through Christ, there is forgiveness from all sins, past, present, and future.** (Romans 8:1; Colossians 1:14)
- As believers, sin hinders fellowship with the Lord. But by confessing sins and repenting, fellowship is restored.** (1 John 1:9)

**ONE THOUGHT METHOD BIBLE STUDY**

**Use the “One Thought Method” of Bible Study as you examine the Checkpoint passages above and record your experience here:**

a. Select a passage of Scripture. Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Ask God to show you a special truth from His Word.

c. Read until you receive one thought from God, based on your Scripture reading. Thought:

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d. Write out a prayer based on this thought. Prayer:

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# "God's Invitation"

*Your Reservation*

## Resource to NT Journey 1: Salvation

### THE BIG QUESTION

Let us consider the fact that life is a journey that takes us through several stages:

- 1. conception and growth in the womb
- 2. birth
- 3. growing and maturing
- 4. old age and degeneration
- 5. death and the hereafter

Without knowing our eternal destination, people often feel purposeless, afraid of death, unforgiven, and lost. But knowing where we are going for eternity gives a secure foundation to build a great life on earth.

**Is there life after life? Do you know where you are going?**

### DISCUSSION TIME

**If you were to die today, do you know for sure, without a doubt, that you would go to Heaven for eternity?**

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If you stood before the Almighty God and He said to you, "Why should I allow you into heaven," how would you respond? \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered "no" or "unsure," then here is an important question: Is your eternity something you want to leave to chance? Hopefully, it is not.

The good news is that you do not have to risk eternity! You can follow God's roadmap to eternal joy forever, guaranteed! You can make a reservation in Heaven and have peace knowing you have His forgiveness!

### TWO TREES IN THE BIBLE



**Understanding two Bible trees and how we can have confirmed reservations in Heaven.**

It is essential to understand the meaning of two trees described in the Bible. They provide a framework to help us understand God's plan for knowing where we are going after we die.

**TREE #1: THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL**

The Bible says that when God created the first human beings, Adam and Eve, He placed them in a paradise called the Garden of Eden. There was no sickness, no pain, no sorrow, no death, no fighting, no war. There was a perfect fellowship with God and each other. God had created a paradise where we all long to live. It was Heaven on earth!

When God created Adam and Eve, He created them “in his own image” (Genesis 1:27). What does that mean? Do human beings look like God? Are we as smart, as powerful, or as wise as God? No, of course not.

Being in the image of God means that like God, human beings have:

1. **Intellect**, far superior to any animal or other part of creation.
2. **Emotions**, far more complicated than animals.
3. **Will or volition**, which is the ability to choose, to decide, to make complex moral judgments, and to act on them.

Why did God create people in His image? One reason is that He wanted a love relationship with us. God wanted to love us and to be loved by us. He wanted us to choose to love Him and be with Him. Genesis 3:8 says, “They heard Yahweh God’s voice walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Yahweh God among the trees of the garden.” Choosing to love God requires a decision of the will and a choice to either accept or reject Him.

To provide a concrete opportunity for this choice, God created a tree called “The tree of the knowledge of good and evil” and said,

“You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of **the tree of the knowledge of good and evil**, you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” (Genesis 2:16-17 ESV)

To “die” in this verse does not mean physical death, but the death of a relationship. If Adam and Eve rejected God’s leadership and fellowship, their love relationship with God would be severed. That rejection is precisely what they did; they disobeyed and thereby, sinned.

The greatest tragedy is that sin brought eternal “death”—which is separation from God. “For the wages of sin is death.” (Romans 6:23a WEB)

This account is also sad because, as a result of this first sin, evil came into the world, and paradise was lost. When Adam and Eve removed themselves from God’s fellowship in the Garden of Eden, they ushered in a world of sin and suffering. This tragedy is often referred to as “the fall.”

God placed an angel to guard the entrance to the Garden so Adam and Eve could not return and perhaps eat from the “tree of life” and live forever in their cursed state separated from God.

“Therefore, Yahweh God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. So, he drove out the man; and he placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.” (Genesis 3:23–24 WEB)



Since that time, all human beings have suffered the terrible effects of sin in a fallen world

- We lie
- We steal
- We lust
- We take God's name in vain
- And so on

We are all sinners: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23 WEB)

The Bible reveals that our sins separate us from our holy God and prevent us from entering the paradise of Heaven. Why? Because Heaven is a perfect place and there must be nothing impure in it. Any sin would corrupt and ruin the heavenly paradise.

## SUMMARY

The story of this first tree, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil:

- God created Heaven on earth
- God created human beings with the ability to decide
- Human beings chose and kept choosing to sin
- We, therefore, live in a fallen, sinful, painful, and evil world
- Sin separates us from God for eternity

## DISCUSSION TIME

**Have you ever sinned (done anything wrong)?**

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

**Do you feel guilty for the wrongs you have done?**

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

**Would you like to have your guilt removed and honor restored?**

- Yes
- No

What is the answer to these problems and our separation from God and Heaven? It is the second tree!

## TREE #2: THE TREE OF CALVARY

God is deeply saddened when we, just like Adam and Eve, disobey, sin, and reject Him.

"Yahweh [the Lord God] saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. Yahweh was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him in his heart." (Genesis 6:5-6 WEB)

What could God do? He could undoubtedly forgive; however, His justice demanded payment for wrongdoing. Someone had to pay the price for sin. Thankfully, God could also provide the payment for all sin.

Almighty God is the just Judge of the Universe. He must pronounce every human being guilty of their wrongdoings. But as a loving Heavenly Father, God is also willing to pay the price of our sins. He did this through God the Son, Jesus Christ, who died for our sins on the Tree of Calvary.

**Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us.**

"Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree." (Galatians 3:13b WEB)

What is this Tree of Calvary? The tree described in the above verse; is the cross on which God the Son (Jesus Christ) died for our sins. It is the cross on Mount Calvary.



As sinners, we are not only deserving of the penalty of death; we are also deserving of the shame of our sins. But when Jesus (God the Son) died on the cross, he bore both. He bore:

1. The judicial payment for our sins.
2. The personal shame of our sins.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord." (Romans 6:23 ESV)

**God the Son (Jesus Christ) provided the solution for sin, suffering, and eternal death by dying on the cross and rising to life again. He is eager to save those who will receive Him as Savior from their sins and make Him the Lord of their lives.**

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit." (1 Peter 3:18 ESV)

To receive eternal life, each person must personally choose to receive this gift of forgiveness and salvation. Would you like to receive this now? If so, here is a prayer you can pray to receive God's gift of salvation:

Lord Jesus, thank you for dying for my sins and rising from the dead to overcome sin and death. I receive your gift of salvation. Come into my life, help me to live for you and know that I am yours.

In Jesus name,  
Amen.

**The most crucial difference between all other religions and Christianity is that all others are "DO," but Christianity is "DONE."** Other religions insist that people must DO various acts of service to earn an eternal reward. However, the Bible says that we cannot serve God to earn salvation. Instead, we serve Him because of what Jesus Christ has already DONE to save us.

**SUMMARY**

The story of the second tree, the Tree of Calvary:

- God is saddened by sin, evil, pain, and suffering
- God's justice demanded payment for wrongdoing
- God's love provided the payment: God the Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for our sins and rose again
- This solution is available to all who receive it, by faith



**DISCUSSION TIME**

**Have you prayed a prayer such as the one above, to receive the gift of eternal life?**

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

**If no or unsure, would you like to do so right now?**

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If yes, please pray the prayer above and receive God's gift of salvation!

If you prayed this prayer, what does that mean for your future? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Romans 10:13b says,** "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Based on this verse, is God's gift of salvation available to you?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

**ASSURANCE OF SALVATION AND YOUR RESERVATION**

**How do I know I just received the gift of salvation and eternal life?**

**1 John 5:13 says,** "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life." Based on this verse, is it possible to know that you have eternal life?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Titus 3:4-5 says, "But—When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit." (NLT)

**Based on this verse, are we saved by the good things that we do?**

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

How does Titus 3:4-5 say that we are saved? \_\_\_\_\_

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**If you have prayed to receive God's gift of eternal salvation today, CONGRATULATIONS!**

You have begun a fantastic journey that will one day end in Heaven, your eternal home. You are now journeying with Jesus. He wants to take you to places of great wonder, excitement, and joy. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV)

The more you understand your new life, the more you will understand who you are and your purpose in living. To help you in this new life and walk, we have created a series of lessons called "Discipleship Journeys with Jesus." Perhaps you have studied this lesson after a referral from Journey 1. However, if you are reading this resource and have not yet started the DJJ lessons, please sign up for our free discipleship lessons. They are available online at [djministry.org](http://djministry.org) and begin with the blue "Start your journey" box on the home page.

God bless you!





As we look toward 2022, God has led us to some Big Holy Audacious Goals (BHAGs)!

These goals are based on what He can accomplish through us.

**They are God-sized and therefore doable.**

“Jesus looked at them intently and said, ‘Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God, everything is possible.’” (Matthew 19:26)



**Five years ago, we launched DJJ with the mission to “disciple people in actionable, biblical wisdom.” Our mission is being accomplished due to the generosity of friends like you!**

As we enter the sixth year of DJJ, it is our joy to share goals for 2022 and how you can participate in these goals.

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Currently, we have New Testament Quarter 1 translated into 12 languages. An additional 10 languages are in the translation or design phase.

**Journey Translation Fundraising Goal: \$76,000**

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**Open New Countries Goal: No additional cost!** (The cost of this goal is covered in Goals 2-4)

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To accomplish all of these God-sized goals, we need to grow our staff. Please continue praying for our top needs in staffing.

**Increase Headquarters Team Fundraising Goal: \$100,000**

Discipleship Journeys with Jesus provides online resources without charge to all who desire them, no matter where they are in the world.

**We see lives transformed, and the impact is HUGE!**

We hear stories almost daily of how God is using this ministry to impact people worldwide. These stories are from places like Kenya where 400 young adults were led to Jesus, the Amazon region of Brazil, and from many churches going through the lessons in small groups or Sunday School.

**The Word of God is changing lives!**

One life that has been transformed is Nancy Esposito from our home church, New Song Community Church in Oceanside, California. Nancy started coming to New Song six months ago. She immediately connected to Dee Schrey's small group as they began to go through New Testament Quarter 4. Here is some of her story:

"After living a hard life in an abusive and drug-filled marriage God reached down His hand to me one day and opened my ears to hear the gospel. I accepted Jesus into my heart. I was then a single Mom but had a heavenly Father! He has provided peace, joy, and everything else worth living for in this life."

"Through the DJJ lesson, Journey 47, Jesus' Journey to Sacrificial Giving, I was led to start tithing to my church. I prayed and asked God for a way. God blessed me with two jobs and I am now able to tithe regularly to my church. Praise God!"



**At Yumbisye Secondary School, a public school, located in Kitui County, Kenya, 400 of these young adults accepted Jesus as their Savior in July!**



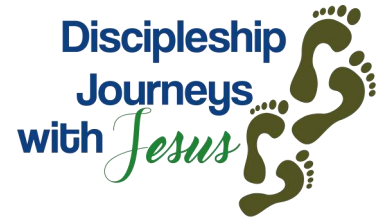
**Latin America Representative Jason Resende speaking at a conference, introducing DJJ, in the Amazon region in Brazil.**



**Nancy with her disciple-maker, Dee Schrey.**



## Invitation to Fasting and Prayer January 1-22, 2022



**Would you prayerfully consider joining us in a time of fasting and prayer for these Big Holy Audacious Goals (BHAGs)?**

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### Why the Discipline of Fasting and Prayer?

**Fasting is taught repeatedly in Scripture, in both the Old and New Testaments.** Yet we, as disciples, ignore it for many reasons: it is hard, it requires a lot of discipline, it is not a "command," we are not sure why it is necessary or how we should do it.



## Here are some of the most important reasons to practice fasting:

1. **It is biblical.** Fasting is biblical as seen Acts 13:2, 14:23, and so on.
2. **To be like Jesus.** What would Jesus do? One answer is that He would fast. He fasted for 40 days without food. That fast launched His ministry. (See New Testament Quarter Journey 3, Jesus' Journey to Temptation.)
3. **To focus on God.** Fasting without prayer can be merely legalism—trying to impress God with our sacrifice, or worse, trying to impress others. The purpose of fasting is to set aside food (or some other pleasure) to focus on God. We replace hunger for food with a desire for God. It is good to fast for answers to prayer, no doubt. But God knows what we want or need before we even ask. The real purpose of prayer is to build our relationship with God. And the whole purpose of fasting is to focus on prayer, so we develop our relationship with the Lord. Answered prayer is a bonus. By the way, the immediate result Jesus got after fasting 40 days was a head-on encounter with the devil!
4. **Mortification of the flesh.** I [Dr. Mark Alan Williams] like the old term “mortification.” It means to kill, signifying conquering our bodies. A by-product of fasting is that we practice self-discipline in healthy ways.

## Some practical suggestions:

1. **Pick** what you will fast from; it could be food, electronics, activities, or anything that distracts you from an intentional time of prayer and worship.
2. **Set** a day and time to start your fast. Prepare your mind by praying and finalize your plan by putting it on your schedule. **We will be starting on January 1st, so prepare to join DJJ on that date.**
3. **START!** Just do it!
4. **Spend** time in prayer as you fast. The goal is to replace eating or some other practice with time in prayer.
5. **Seek** a place where you are least likely to be distracted. Ask God to open your eyes to understanding, draw you closer to Him and transform you as you apply the discipline of fasting and prayer.

## Fasting Guidelines

### 1. Types of Fasting:

You can fast from all food, certain kinds of food or liquids, unnecessary pleasures, unhealthy distractions, and so on. Choose what works well for you.

### 2. The Overall Goal:

The overall goal is not self-deprivation but to seek the Lord in prayer. Self-denial should be a call to prayer. Time saved should be used to pursue the Lord in prayer, Scripture, and meditation.

### 3. Caveats:

The Evil One doesn't want you to do this and will create barriers, internal and external. If you fast from food, don't expect this fast to be a weight loss plan.

### 4. Accountability:

It will be helpful to have a fellowship and accountability partner. This person is someone you can share about what God is doing, your struggles, breakthroughs, what you are learning, and so on. When you send notify us of your commitment, you will be added to an email group and will receive a daily encouragement email from DJJ.

### 5. Pray. In addition to praying through the 2022 Goals, you can pray with us:

- a. **By using the DJJ Prayer Calendar.** To make sure you are receiving it, sign up on the website: [djjministry.org/about-us](http://djjministry.org/about-us)
- b. **By joining the DJJ Prayer & Advisory Team.** Meeting to pray monthly via Zoom. To join us, please email [service@djjministry.org](mailto:service@djjministry.org). **The next meeting is Monday, September 20th.**





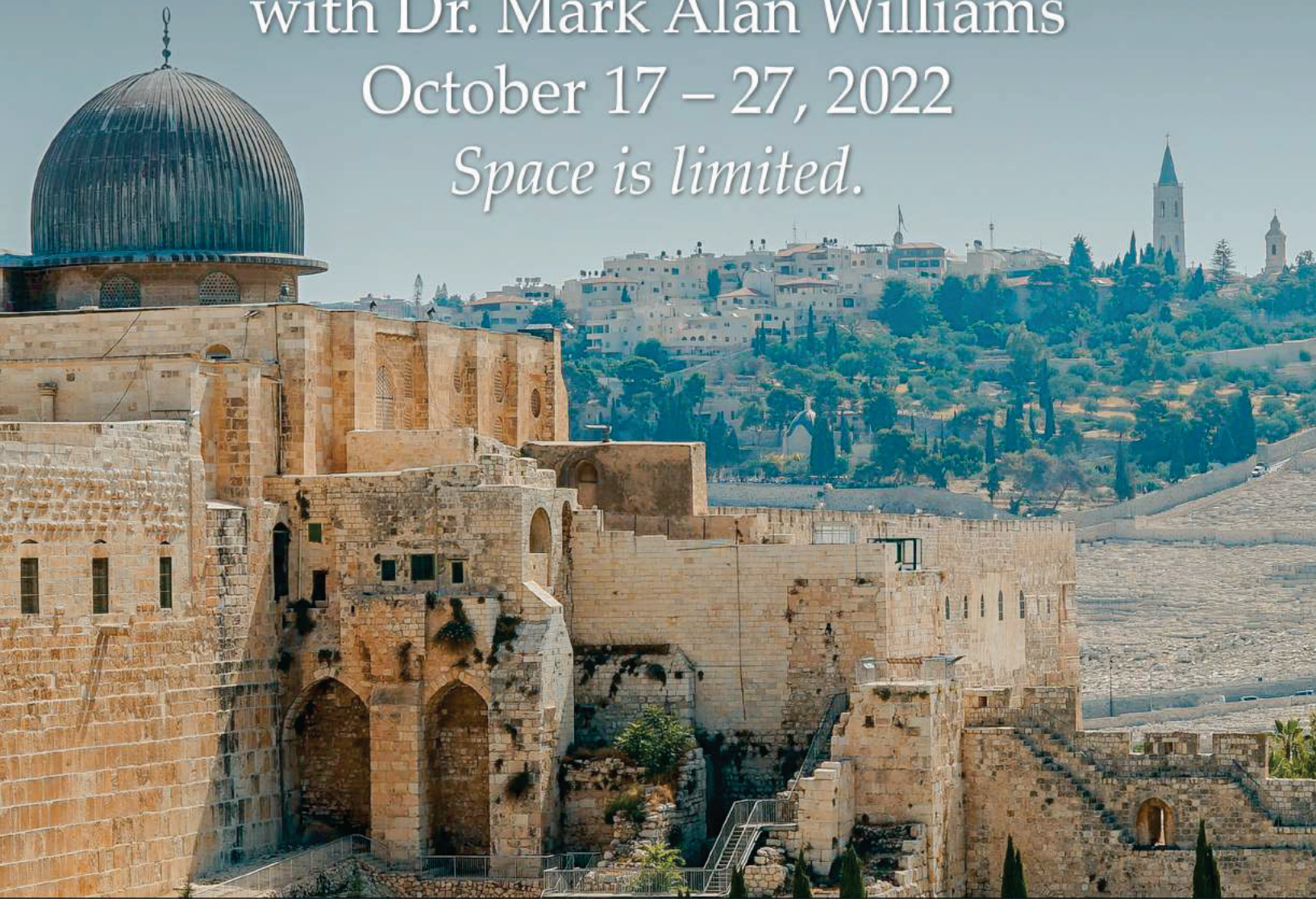
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## **Monday - Oct 17 (Day 1): Departure from LAX to Tel Aviv**

## **Tuesday - Oct 18 (Day 2): Arrival Tel Aviv - Transfer to the Dead Sea**

Dinner and overnight at a hotel in the Dead Sea area.

## **Wednesday - Oct 19 (Day 3): Free day**

Free day at the Dead Sea - Breakfast and dinner at hotel included. Possible trip to Jacob's well and lunch offsite.

## **Thursday - Oct 20 (Day 4): Dead Sea - Masada - Ein Gedi - Qumran - Jericho - Sea of Galilee**

This morning we will travel to the rock fortress of Masada, which was the Zealots' last stronghold against Rome. We will then proceed to Ein Gedi, where David spared the life of King Saul and enjoy a panoramic view of the desert oasis of David's valley where he hid. We'll proceed to Qumran, where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. Then we'll visit Jericho, including Tel Jericho, where the ancient city stood at the time of Joshua. We'll view the Mt. of Temptation and enjoy a panoramic tour of Jericho. Then to dinner at our hotel in Tiberias.

## **Friday - Oct 21 (Day 5): Sea of Galilee - Tel Dan - Capernaum**

After breakfast, we'll experience an unforgettable boat ride across the Sea of Galilee. While on the boat, we will pause for a brief worship service and remember the miracles our Lord performed in this area. On to Tel Dan at the source of the River Jordan. We'll explore the ruins of the ancient city of Dan, including Jeroboam's high place, the Israelite city gates, and the 3,800-year-old Abraham gate. Return to the Sea of Galilee region. In the afternoon, we visit Capernaum, Jesus' hometown, the Mt. of Beatitudes where Jesus multiplied the fish and loaves, and Peter's Primacy Church in Tabgha. Time will be provided to reflect and worship on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Dinner at the hotel.

## **Saturday - Oct 22 (Day 6): Megiddo - Nazareth - Cana - Baptismal Site**

This morning we depart for Megiddo, whose history goes back to 3,000 BC, seeing ruins from the times of King Solomon, King Ahab, and a view over the valley of Armageddon. On to Nazareth for a visit to Nazareth Village, a model village of how Nazareth would have looked in Jesus' time. Then to Cana of Galilee for a visit and renewal of wedding vows. We end the day at the Yardenit baptismal site on the banks of the River Jordan, where those who wish to can be baptized. Dinner at our hotel in Tiberias.

## **Sunday - Oct 23 (Day 7): Magdala - Mt Carmel - Caesarea - Jerusalem**

After breakfast, we'll start the day with a visit to Magdala, the hometown of Mary Magdalene, then proceed to Mt. Carmel, where the encounter between the prophet Elijah and the prophets of Baal took place. Then on to Caesarea Maritima, where we will see the magnificent Roman, Byzantine, and Crusader ruins. We proceed to Jerusalem and check into the hotel and refresh before departing to the King of King's Community Church for evening service. Dinner at the hotel in Jerusalem.

## **Monday - Oct 24 (Day 8): Israel Museum - Bethlehem - Shepherd's Field**

After breakfast, we will start the day with a visit to the Israel Museum, where we see the model of the city of Jerusalem, showing how it would have looked in the 1st century A.D. and the Shrine of the book where the Dead Sea scrolls are on display. Then to Bethlehem to visit Shepherd's Field. Next to the Church of the Nativity, which was built over the birthplace of Jesus. Dinner at the hotel.

## **Tuesday - Oct 25 (Day 9): Temple Mount - Pools of Bethesda - the City of David - Jerusalem**

We will start the day visiting the Old City of Jerusalem and embark on an exciting walking tour, entering the old city through the Dung Gate. From there, we ascend the Temple Mount, where the Jewish temple stood until its destruction in 70 A.D. Then, we will visit the Crusader church dedicated to St. Anne and the nearby Pool of Bethesda. Then we will visit the Jewish quarter, seeing the Roman cardo, King Hezekiah's Broad Wall, and the Temple Menorah, leading us to the Wailing Wall. On to visit the Davidson Centre, the Western Wall excavations, and the southern steps that led into the Temple of Jerusalem, also known as the teaching steps where Jesus prayed, ending the day with a visit to the City of David. Dinner at the hotel in Jerusalem.

## **Wednesday - Oct 26 (Day 10): Mt of Olives - Gethsemane - Caiaphas House - Via Dolorosa - Garden Tomb**

Start the day with a visit to the Mt. of Olives, where we stop for a panoramic view over Jerusalem, and our tour guide will point to the most important sites in Jerusalem. On to visit the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus endured His agony and was betrayed. There we will pause for a prayer time in the garden. Then, we will visit the House of Caiaphas, where Peter denied Christ three times. After that, we will visit Mt. Zion, where we stop at the Upper Room and King David's Tomb. That afternoon we will see the Lithostrotos "judgment pavement," where Jesus stood before Pilate, then we'll walk along the Via Dolorosa leading to the Garden Tomb. On this peaceful spot, we remember Christ's crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. Dinner at the hotel.

## **Thursday - Oct 27 (Day 11): Departure Tel Aviv to the US. Or take the post-tour extension to Jordan.**

### **\*Optional Post Tour extension to Jordan:**

## **Thursday - Oct 27 (Day 11): Jordan - Mt. Nebo - Petra**

After breakfast, we will depart to cross the border to Jordan. We will visit Mt. Nebo, where the prophet Mousa (Moses) gazed over the Promised Land before he died. We will visit an old monastery, overlook the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea, and parts of the Holy Land. Then we continue to drive towards Petra for a traditional Bedouin Dinner.

## **Friday - Oct 28 (Day 12): Full day Petra - Amman**

After breakfast, we will visit Petra, a 2,000-year-old Nabatean city, highlighted in the movie "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade." We will walk through the narrow passageway to the treasury; a massive royal tomb carved out of solid rock. If time permits, we will visit the traditional Tomb of Aaron (Moses's brother). In the afternoon, we transfer to the hotel in Amman for dinner.

## **Saturday - Oct 29 (Day 13) - Amman - Jerash**

After breakfast, we will visit Jerash, north of the capital Amman. Inhabited since the Bronze Age, it is known for the ruins of the walled Greco-Roman settlement of Gerasa (one of the cities of the Decapolis). These include the 2nd-century Hadrian's Arch, the Corinthian columns of the Temple of Artemis, and the huge Forum's oval colonnade. We then proceed to Amman to meet and pray with local ministry leaders. We will check into our hotel, have dinner in Amman.

## **Sunday - Oct 30 (Day 14) - Arrive USA**

This morning we will have breakfast and then transfer to the airport for our flight back to the USA.



**DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:** A deposit of \$500.00 per person with registration to secure space, An additional payment of \$1,000.00 per person is due on or before **May 1, 2022**. The final payment due on or before **August 1, 2022** Payment can be made by personal check or money order.

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**HOTELS:** Tour prices are per person, based on two people sharing a room in Deluxe hotels. Single rooms are subject to availability and at an additional cost of \$990.00

**BAGGAGE:** You may check no more than one (1) piece of luggage whose overall dimensions does not exceed 62 inches (length + width + height) and whose weight does not exceed fifty (50) pounds in total. Checking a second bag will cost up to \$100.00.

Each passenger may also bring one (1) piece of carry-on luggage. Tips to hotel porters are included for one normal sized piece of luggage, excluding carry-on bags which must remain in your possession at all times. These regulations may change without notice so please read the monthly correspondence you will receive from Elias Tours for the most current information. Garment bags cannot be carried. Under no circumstances may dangerous articles such as firearms, explosives, oxygen, or combustible substances be contained in any baggage. Medications, valuables, passports, and a change of clothing should be packed in your carry-on bag.

**DISABILITIES:** Due to the difficult terrain at sites we visit, persons requiring oxygen or oxygen therapy will not be permitted on the tour. For reasons of passenger safety and well-being, persons with impaired mobility, vision, or mental capacity will not be permitted on the tour. Elias Tours reserves the right to refuse passage to someone in such physical or mental condition as to be unfit for travel or who may require care and attention beyond what the tour guide and tour host can provide. The tour requires a substantial amount of walking and some sites are not accessible by wheelchair.

**INSURANCE:** Acting only as agents for suppliers, Elias Tours is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of luggage and/or personal belongings, or for personal injury, accident, illness and/or death as a result of any occurrences or conditions beyond its control, including, but not limited to, defects in vehicles, breakdown in equipment, or theft. For your protection, it is important that you have adequate insurance to cover these possibilities. Additional information and application forms for all types of coverage will be supplied you prior to departure.

**PASSPORT:** A valid passport is required and must be obtained in person by each tour member. Complete instructions and application forms for passports can be obtained by contacting your local courthouse or post office.

**PRICE CHANGES:** Tour conditions and air fares are subject to Governmental, IATA, ARC, and airline regulation requirements in effect at the date of and during the tour. All rates are quoted in US dollars and are based on tariffs and costs in effect in September 2021, and are subject to change without notice. Taxes and fuel surcharges are included in your tour cost and are subject to change without notice. Elias Tours reserves the right to pass along additional fuel surcharges or additional taxes imposed by the airline.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** The Tour Leader, Elias Tours referred to as the operator, acts only as an agent for the owners or contractors providing means of transportation or other services and all such means of transportation or other services offered or provided. The issuance and acceptance of such tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the further conditions that the tour leader, Elias Tours, and/or operator shall not be or become liable or responsible in any way, in connection with such means of transportation or other services, or for any loss, injury or damage in respect of any person or property howsoever, caused or arising. If the Tour Leader, Elias Tours, and/or the operator make it desirable or necessary to change or cancel for non-payment, the travel plan or program, such change or cancellation may be made. Additional expenses, if any, caused hereby shall be borne by the passenger, and in the case of a decrease in cost, the Tour Leader, Elias Tours, and/or operator will refund to the passenger an amount equal and limited to the decrease. Although the owners or contractors providing means of transportation or other services will take all possible care of passenger's baggage and belongings entrusted to their care, the Tour Leader, Elias Tours, and/or operator does not in any way accept responsibility in the event of loss or injury thereto. Passports must be valid and not expire at least six months or more from the return home date. By virtue of my signature on the registration form below I acknowledge and assume all risks associated with this trip and I agree that Elias Tours assumes no liability of any kind and I hereby expressly waive any and all possible claims against Elias Tours. or Dr. Mark Alan Williams and Discipleship Journeys with Jesus.

Trip dates:

October 17 - 27, 2022  
3 Days Jordan Extension  
October 27-30

**Package Price: \$4,190.00**  
**Single supplement (Private Room): \$990.00**  
**3-Days Jordan Extension: \$890**

**Package price includes the following:**

- Meet & assist at Ben Gurion Airport upon arrival and departure.
- 9 nights' accommodation in double occupancy with breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
- 10 days sightseeing in modern air conditioned private bus.
- English speaking government licensed Christian guide.
- All entrance fees.

**Package does not include the following:**

- Alcohol, Soft drinks.
- Tips for Guide, Driver.
- All Personal Expenses.
- Travel Insurance.

I agree to the conditions as stated above

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes:  
All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double room, Passenger rooming alone is subject to single supplement, and maximum capacity of the bus is 50 Pax. All prices are VAT inclusive



# RESERVATION APPLICATION

## Discipleship Journeys with Jesus Israel Tour October 17-27, 2022

Group Reference Code:  
DJJ 2022

### PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

<b>Name</b> (as printed on your passport): Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____		
<b>Passport number:</b> _____	<b>Male</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Female</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Passport date of issue:</b> _____	<b>Passport date of expiration:</b> _____	
<b>Country of citizenship:</b> _____	<b>Date of birth:</b> _____	
<b>Street address:</b> _____		
<b>City:</b> _____	<b>State:</b> _____	<b>Zipcode:</b> _____
<b>Home phone:</b> _____	<b>Work phone:</b> _____	
<b>Mobile phone:</b> _____	<b>Email address:</b> _____	

### ROOM ASSIGNMENT

<b>Please check one:</b> Double occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy (\$990.00 additional) <input type="checkbox"/>
If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking: _____
If choosing single occupancy, would be willing to share a room with another person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Optional Post Tour extension to Jordan:      Yes      No

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

Please list the name, relationship and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:    
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Please enclose a copy of your passport and a deposit of \$500.00 per person made payable to  
Elias Tours

and mail to: 4941 Chalden Ln, NE Marietta, GA 30066

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I am delighted to invite you to an incredible journey to the lands of the Bible. We will "Walk Where Jesus Walked." We will see the Bible unfold right before our eyes with the backdrop of spectacular sites. Our understanding and faith will grow as we study God's Word together, right on location.

As we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, we will observe the disciple-making model He left for us to follow. Seeing the depths of history in each location will give us a better grasp of Scripture. As it says in Psalm 84:5 (NLT), "What joy for those whose strength comes from the LORD, who have set their minds on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem."

Making Discipleship Doable,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Alan Williams".

Dr. Mark Alan Williams  
Founder and President  
Discipleship Journeys with Jesus  
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DJJ Israel Pilgrimage 2020  
Mount of Olives