

# Following JESUS

His Nature – Part 7



# Introduction...

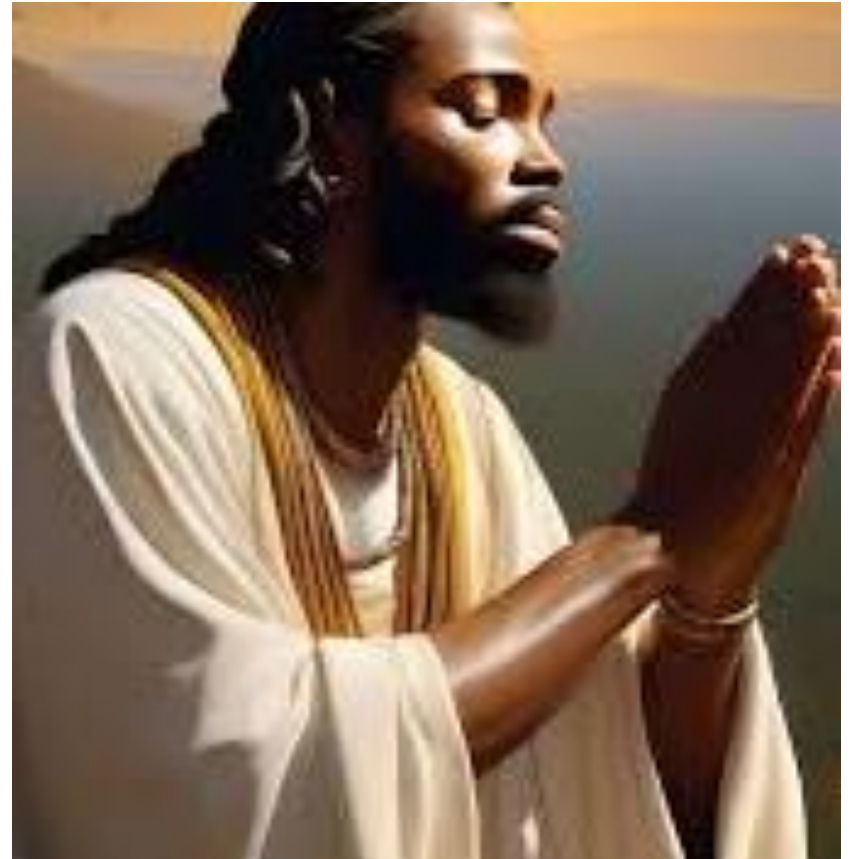
- This session will help us look at the character of God as seen through the person of Jesus as well as through Scripture.
- Jesus told His disciples that whoever has seen him has seen the Father – Jn 14:9
- The list of the attributes of God are endless
- and so, we have taken the liberty to highlight a number of them which grant us a wholesome look at scripture in this regard.



# Humility...

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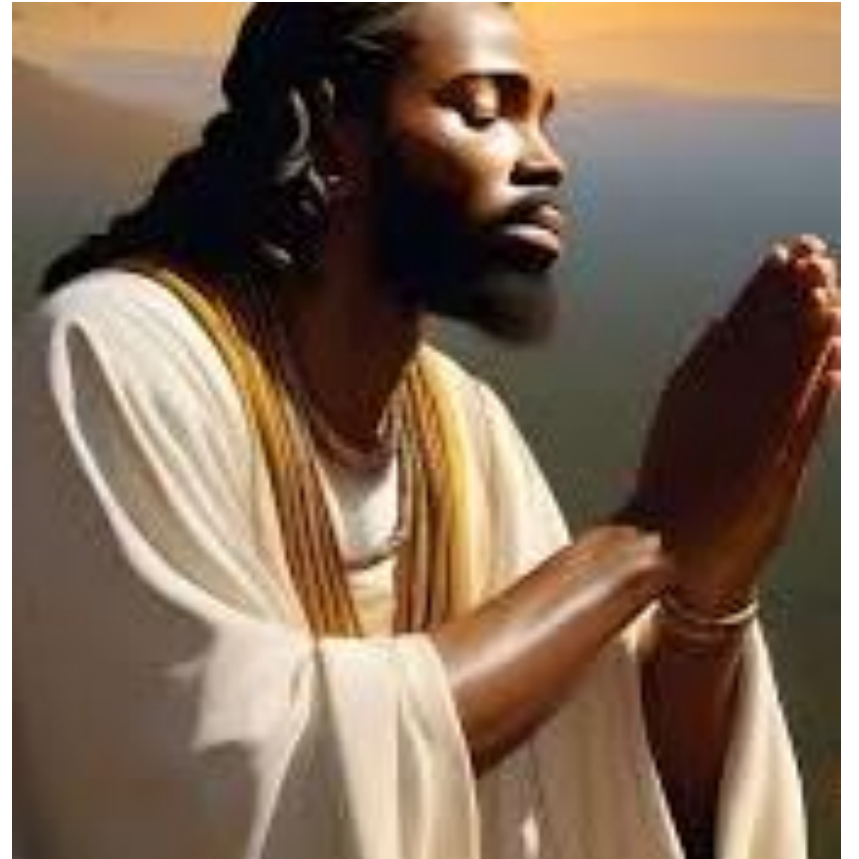
- *The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this:*
- *“I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble.*
- *I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts.*
- *Isaiah 57:15*



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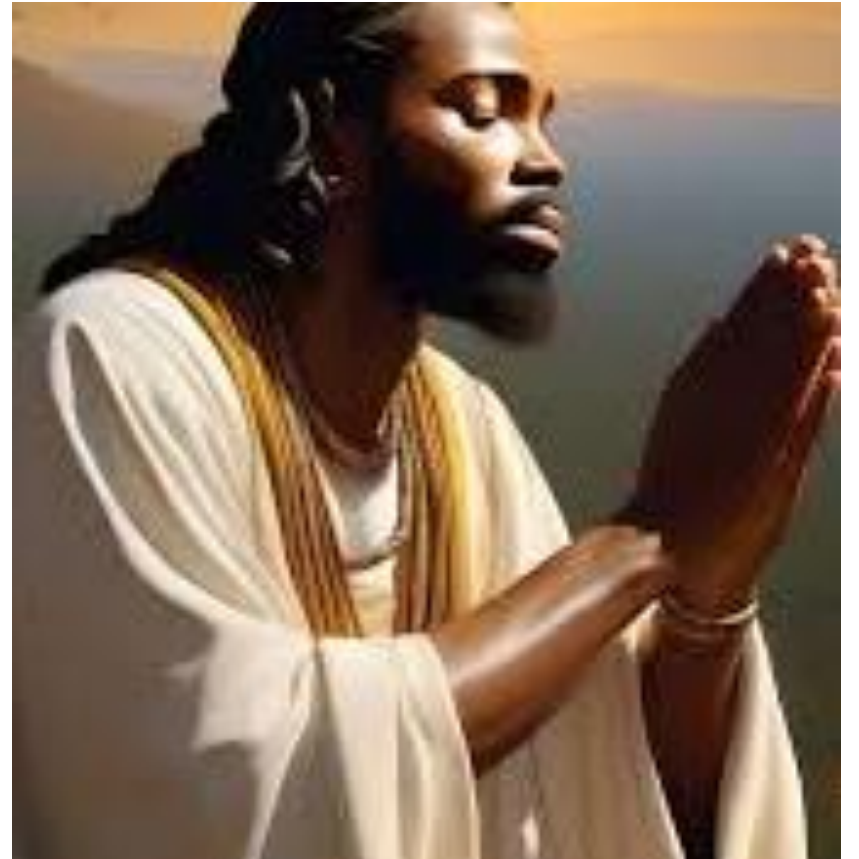
- One of the first striking things about Jesus is His Humble virtue that exudes from His being.
- Anyone who spends time with God will exhibit this characteristic.
- Note: Not everyone God uses is Humble
- Pharaoh, Samson, Saul and even Nebuchadnezzar were all vessels that God used for His own purposes.
- You can have Ministers that are gifted by God but don't know God in an intimate way.
- But those who are close to God and spend quality time with Him shall be broken and humble.
- One clear sign that any Woman or Man know God well is their Brokenness and Humility.



# Humility

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- *“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavily burdened [by religious rituals that provide no peace], and I will give you rest [refreshing your souls with salvation].*
- *<sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you and **learn from Me** [following Me as My disciple], for I am gentle and humble in heart,*
- *and YOU WILL FIND REST (renewal, blessed quiet) FOR YOUR SOULS.*
- *<sup>30</sup> For My yoke is easy [to bear] and My burden is light.” Matthew 11:29*



# Humility...

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- *“TELL THE DAUGHTER OF ZION (the people of Jerusalem),*
- *‘BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU, GENTLE AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY,*
- *EVEN ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST OF BURDEN.’”* Matthew 21:5
- Jesus did NOT ride upon a horse
- He could have been driven on a chariot
- He rode as King upon the humble transport of His day...a donkey!
- A donkey represents an animal that serves by carrying a lot of burdens and loads
- He came to carry the burden of our sin
- It would be like the President of a nation being driven on a motorcycle or bicycle.
- Those ministers that crave for the very best that the world can offer (in the name of ministry service) are NOT exhibiting the spirit of Christ.



# Peace...

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- <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.  
Matthew 14:27
- One key quality of God's presence and person is His peacefulness.
- As you walk with Him, His tangible peace will quieten your stormy heart, noisy head and quarrelsome thoughts.
- He is the essence of Peace and that's why, He is called the Prince of Peace.
- Fear is dispelled by the force of Peace that comes from the presence of the Lord.
- As you pray and stay with Him in prayer, Your heart will be quietened.



# Peace...

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- *37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.*
- *38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him,*
- *“Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?”*
- *39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea,*
- *“Peace, be still!”*
- *And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. 40 But He said to them, “Why are you so fearful? How<sup>[h]</sup> is it that you have no faith?” Mark 4:37-40*





# Peace...

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- Jesus was asleep. That is a metaphor in itself
- The raging storm is outside, but Jesus is inside and calm
- When Jesus comes out, the storm goes in.
- When Jesus appears, the storm disappears
- The Lord released the force of peace that was within Him
- Whatever is Divinely within you will prevail over the conditions outside you.
- Allow the PEACE of God to infuse every part of your soul and mind.



# Forgiveness...

- *21 Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”*
- *22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven Matt 18*
- God is Gracious to us and does not impute our sin upon us
- He releases us from the weight of our iniquity
- He does not deal with us the same way we deal with others who hurt us.



# LOVE...

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- *Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come*
- *that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. In 13*
- Most genuine Believers do not need anyone to tell them of the Love of GOD
- They can testify to the extent of God's graciousness and love through the forgiveness of their great sinfulness.
- Jesus as King of Kings kneels to wash His disciples' feet.
- Jesus loves you beyond your filth and smelliness.



# LOVE...

- <sup>3</sup> *Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God,*
- <sup>4</sup> *rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.*
- <sup>5</sup> *After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet,*
- *and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.*

Jn 13



# LOVE...

- *<sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come and eat breakfast.” Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, “Who are You?”—knowing that it was the Lord.*
- *<sup>13</sup> Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish.*
- *<sup>14</sup> This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.*
- *<sup>15</sup> So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?” In 21*



# JOY!!

- *The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped;*
- *Therefore, my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him. Psalm 28:7*
- *The Joy of the Lord is my strength Neh 8:10*
- *The fruit of the Spirit is...JOY Galatians 5: 22*



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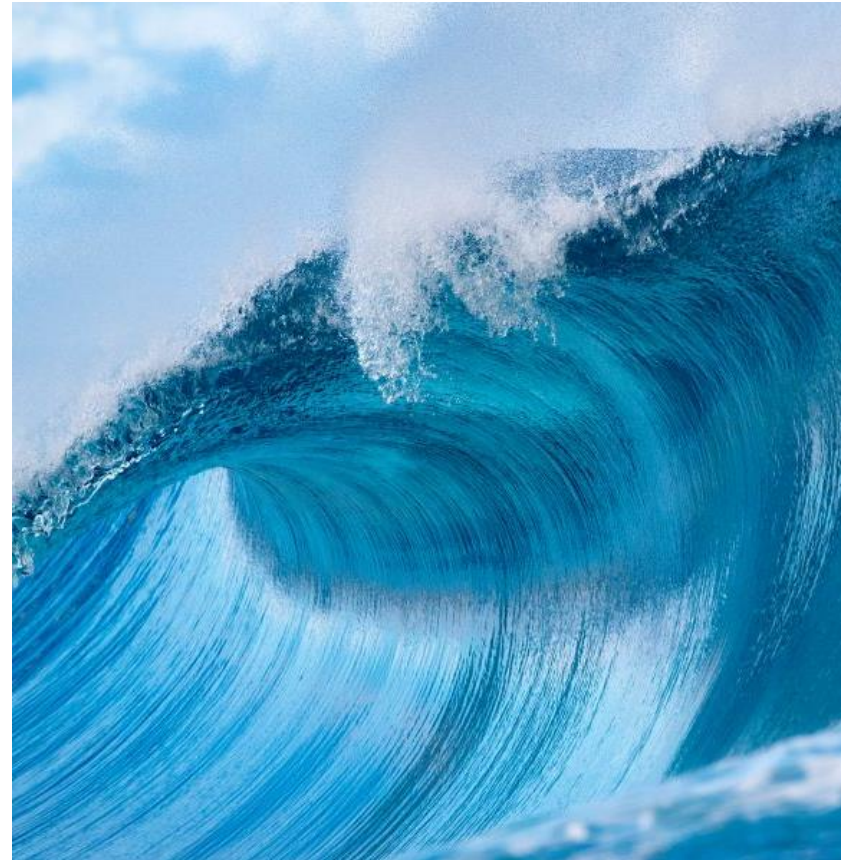
- Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His Might Eph 6:10
- Joy is like an inner volcano
- The inner Irrepressible energy that bubbles up into eternal life
- A fountain and eruption of life that expresses itself through BOLDNESS, song, sound, words, dance, creativity, movement and all forms of unstoppable kinetic energy



# JOY..!

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- *27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you.*
- *28 For this is My blood of the [d]new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*
- *29 But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”*
- *30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives Matthew 26*
- All the above happened on the night before His betrayal, trial and ordeal at the hands of the Jews





# Gentleness...

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- *47 And while He was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him.*
- *48 But Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”*
- *49 When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?”*
- *50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.*
- *51 But Jesus answered and said, “Permit even this.” And He touched his ear and healed him. Luke 22*



# Gentleness...

- And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
- <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and He was afflicted,  
Yet He opened not His mouth;  
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,
- And as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
So He opened not His mouth.  
Isaiah 53:7



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