



Recap of Study for 2021

Our verses for today in “Outlined” and paraphrased format-bfc

❖ Exodus 13:21-22

- The Lord **went ahead** of them (The Holy Spirit is always leading and guiding us every day. It should be our hearts desire to “listen to the still small voice” and go **in the direction** He leads daily. We can only do this through prayer, bible study, praise, and fellowship with Him DAILY)
- He **guided them**
 - **Guided means**-To escort, pilot, lead, show, command, control, direct
- He **guided** them by **day** with a pillar of cloud
- He **guided** – provided light at **night** with a pillar of fire
 - He “allowed them” to travel by day or night
 - He is with us **day and night** – His word tells us He will never leave or forsake us. That is some comforting words!
- The Lord did not remove the pillar of cloud or fire for the entire journey

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- He was **in front of them**, leading them all the way!
- See in our lesson or on our website, some additional commentary and research articles regarding the pillar and clouds in this journey

❖ Corinthians 2:9

- What the Scripture means is:
 - **No eye has seen** – (We can only see Him in our spirit as He speaks to us through His Word and oftentimes gives confirmation via additional scriptures, sermons, teachings, Christian friends. If you are not saved there is no way you can comprehend or understand anything God’s scriptures say.
 - **No ear has heard** (Be still and know that I am God-Listen for his still small voice- Faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word of God)
 - **No mind can imagine** (Our mind is not big enough to comprehend ALL He has done, or will do and the eternal home - heaven that awaits us when we die- This reminds me of the popular song “I can only imagine”)
 - God has prepared so much for all that love Him.

❖ Galatians 5:25

- We live by the Spirit
- Let us **“follow”** the Spirits leading
- We need to do this in every part of our lives

❖ Psalms 119:105

- The Word is a Lamp (Gives me light)
- The Word is a Light (It directs me **and** lets me **be a light** to others and help them along their paths and journeys in life)
- The Word directs my path – shows me which way to go, gives me **guidance and wisdom** in making the right choices and decisions, and keeps me safe from harm whenever I listen and obey.

❖ John 16:12-13

- There is so much more God wants to tell us (Our infinite minds can only handle so much, remember the previous verse we studied?)
- **He tells us we cannot handle any more than what He is telling us now**
 - The Spirit of Truth will come (be filled with the Holy Spirit-be renewed and refreshed with Him daily, new grace for a new day and new challenges. The Spirit of Truth convicts' sinners and draws them to Him)
 - He will **guide us** into all truth
 - The Spirit will not speak on His own
 - The Spirit will tell us only what He hears from God the Father
 - The Spirit will tell us about our future (I think this means He will continue to guide us one day at a time; Step by Step; He won't tell us the "details" of our future; if He did that we couldn't handle it and we would run and it wouldn't be in the right direction!)

❖ Proverbs 16:9

- We make our own plans (most of the time without even praying or asking God what He wants and where He wants us to go- my mind is made up when I go to Him in prayer – I just want Him to bless what it is I have planned or what I want to do. We are all guilty of doing this)
- The Lord determines and directs our steps - what is best for us. (He keeps us safe and answers prayers in ways we do not always like or understand. He is the only one that can make good come out of something bad. The Way Maker!)

❖ Hebrews 12:1-2

- We are *surrounded by a huge crowd of witnesses* to the life of faith (Who are these witnesses? See the last page of this lesson)
- Let us **“strip off”** every weight that slows us down
 - Especially sins that keep us away from God and **“trips us up”**
 - **Run with endurance** the race God set before us!
 - We can do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus
 - **Jesus endured** the cross for you and me
 - Jesus is the champion who **initiates and perfects our faith**
 - Joy awaits Jesus because He endured the cross for us
 - He disregarded the shame from death on the cross
 - NOW He is seated in the place of honor – at the right hand of God!

❖ John 14:6

- Jesus said:
 - I am The Way
 - I am The Truth
 - I am The Life
 - No man can come to the Father except through Him!

❖ Matthew 4:19

- Jesus said:
 - **Follow Me**
 - I will show you **how-to** live-in victory and joy
 - I will show you **how to** “fish” for men (see souls won for Him)
 - We are to be fishers of people-lost souls-**go** out there and be a light in the darkness-share the gospel of Jesus Christ

❖ John 10:4

- Jesus gathers His own flock (He knows who belong to Him)
- Jesus walks ahead of us (protects us with angels of protection)
- We **follow Him** because we know Him and trust Him

❖ Deuteronomy 1:31

- God cares for us all along our journeys in life
- He travels with us in our wilderness (trials, tribulations, sorrows, pain)
- As our earthly father cares for us, God our Father cares so much more!
- God will bring us out of our troubles and trials stronger and full of more faith if we will “follow – obey – endure – trust Him)

What Does Hebrews 12:1 Mean (Commentary Notes)

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**,

Hebrews gives us a wonderful list of people who are commended by God for their faith. It is a catalogue of men and women, named and unnamed, that stand as witnesses to lives that honored the Lord – and who like Abraham looked for a city, whose Builder and Maker is God. They are called “a great cloud of witnesses”, and indeed their lives demonstrate a trust in God that stands as a wonderful testimony and great encouragement for us – to run the race that is set before us, as we look to Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith.

Despite the many trials and tribulations, they were called upon to face, these men and women obtained a good testimony through faith. They finished the race that was set before them having set aside the sin which plagues so many Christians – the sin of unbelief. And as we look at their example, we are challenged in our own race through life, to discard anything and everything that might impede our progress or hinders our witness, as we press towards to goal for the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

It is the sin of unbelief that can so easily ensnare and entangle us, for unbelief can become an unbearable weight on our heart, which allows fear to choke our faith.

When trust in God begins to falter, it is unbelief that hampers our progress; renders us impotent in our Christian walk and taints our testimony. How important therefore, that as an act of will, we seek to lay aside all the seeds of doubt, and everything that ensnares and hinders us, so that we may run with endurance the race that is set before us,

During those times when we are tempted to feel that we are the only one that is facing difficult challenges in life, it is good to reflect on that great cloud of witnesses who trusted God despite the enormous trials and tribulations they were called upon to face in their uphill walk of faith.

Life is a race, which has a finishing line and we are exhorted to set the eyes of our hearts and the determination of our spirits on to the goal of our calling – and that goal is a Person, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Knowing that we too are following in the footsteps of such a great a cloud of witnesses, let us endeavor to lay aside every weight that hinders our personal Christian life so that we do not fall into the sin of unbelief, which can so easily beset us in the race of life – and let us run with patient endurance the race that is set before us, looking to JESUS, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

Pillar of Fire and of Cloud

PILLAR OF FIRE AND OF CLOUD. During the wilderness wanderings, Israel was guided on her way by the phenomenon of the

When Israel left Succoth and reached the edge of the wilderness, Yahweh went before them “by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light” ([Exod 13:21](#)). Thereafter, the pillar guided and protected Israel as she journeyed. Normally, the cloud by day and the fire by night moved in front of Israel to point the way.

Christ – The Pillar of Cloud and Fire

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Exodus 13:21-22

Exodus 13:21-22 says, “The Lord was going before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light, **that they might travel by day and by night.** He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.”

The Lord is leading His people out of Egypt into the promised land. The children of Israel have no roads to follow, and no guide to lead them. They are leaving Egypt, but they do not know where to go. But God graciously came to them and provided a guide. The guide would be a pillar of cloud by day and fire by night. **Now, there were not two pillars, one of a cloud by day, and another by a fire by night. No, there was one pillar. That pillar appeared as a cloud during the day, and it appeared as a fire by night.**

Now, who or what exactly was this pillar, that appeared as a cloud and a fire? Well, look at Exodus 14:19, “The angel of God, who had been going before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them.”

This pillar of cloud and fire is identified here as “the angel of the Lord.” Well, who is that? Sometimes an “angel of the Lord” refers to one of God’s many holy angels, ministering spirits, that He sends to do His will on the earth. However, in this place there can be no doubt that this “angel of the Lord” is none other than a pre-incarnate appearance of Jesus Christ.

1. The Pillar Was A Manifestation of God’s Presence

Throughout the book of Exodus, the Lord’s presence is signified by a cloud and fire. The Lord appeared to Moses in a bush that was on fire. In Exodus 16:10 it says, “It came about as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the sons of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.” When Moses ascended Mt. Sinai, to receive the law, the Lord descended upon it in fire (Ex. 19:18). In 2 Chron. 7:1, when the temple had been completed, God sent fire down from heaven to consume the sacrifice.

The fire and the cloud are constant manifestations of the presence of God. The glory of God appeared to the sons of Israel in the cloud. Jesus was the real, literal, physical manifestation of the presence of God. Jesus was “God with us.”

2. The Pillar Was Not Given Until the Hebrews Were Delivered from Egypt

3 The Pillar Was A Gift of God -Likewise, the Spirit of Christ, is also God’s gift to us. Jesus said in John 14:16, “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever.”

4. The Pillar Led The Way Through The Wilderness- The primary purpose of the pillar of cloud and fire was to lead the way for the children of Israel through the wilderness to the promised land. In Numbers 9:15-23, this is made very clear. There we read that whenever the cloud rested on the camp of Israel, the Israelites would stay put. But whenever the cloud lifted, the Israelites would break camp, whether it was in the day or the night. Sometimes the cloud would rest on Israel for many days, or a month, or a year, and in those times they would just camp and stay put. But the cloud could set out at any time.

Also, notice that the pillar became a fire at night, so that it would illumine their paths and enable the children of Israel to march at night. Without this pillar, they would just be stumbling around in the dark and getting lost.

The Lord Jesus Himself will guide you in all your ways to heaven. He is the Light that shines on your path. Just as the pillar went before them, leading them on their journey, so the Lord Jesus does the same. He said in John 10:4, “When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.” The shepherd does not drive the sheep from behind, but walks ahead of them and the sheep follow. That’s exactly what the children of Israel were doing as they followed the cloud.

The prophet Isaiah wrote in Is. 9:2, “The people who walk in darkness will see a great light, those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them.” Jesus told His disciples, “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” John wrote in John 1:4-5, “In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.” My friends, if you are a Christian, Jesus Christ is your resident guide.

5. The Pillar Provided Protection to the Israelites- Notice Psalm 105:39, “He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to illumine by night.” The pillar of cloud was for a covering. You can imagine traveling through the wilderness in the hot, arid wilderness of the Middle East, with babies and little children. How miserable it would be to travel in the scorching sun. But the Lord graciously provided a covering to protect His people from the scorching heat of the sun. Wherever the children of Israel were, there was a cloud to cover and protect them during the day.

When the Egyptians pursued Israel, the cloud moved around and got in between them, and brought an eerie darkness over them. That’s why the Egyptians didn’t come near the Israelites all night. God was standing between them forbidding them to get too close.

The Egyptians were going to have to go through God if they were to get to the Israelites! You and I have many enemies in this Christian life. We have the enemies of our sins, our temptations, our persecutors, death, Satan, and hell. But as we face all of those enemies, we can know that they have to go through Jesus to get to us. And the Lord will not allow any of them to touch us unless it is part of His sovereign plan.

“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” (1Cor.10:13). The Lord will protect us from those temptations that are beyond what we are able.

6. The Pillar Was Darkness To The Egyptians- Interestingly, though the pillar provided light to the Hebrews, it brought darkness upon the Egyptians (Ex.14:21). The same One who sheds light on our path, is only darkness to the world.

7. The Pillar Was Never Taken Away Until They Reached the Promised Land- Listen to the words of Nehemiah 9:18-19, “Even when they made for themselves A calf of molten metal and said, ‘This is your God Who brought you up from Egypt,’ And committed great blasphemies, **You, in Your great compassion, Did not forsake them in the wilderness;** The pillar of cloud did not leave them by day, To guide them on their way, Nor the pillar of fire by night, to light for them the way in which they were to go.

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“In spite of all of Israel’s failures, including their murmuring, their unbelief, their forsaking the Lord to worship a golden calf, the Lord never forsook them. He never **withdrew the pillar of cloud and fire**. The Lord Jesus will never forsake you. Jesus said in John 14:16, “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever.” According to Hebrews 13:5, the Lord will never forsake or desert His people.

Lesson #1 – Follow the Cloud “Introduction to our Bible Study Series”
Scripture Verse Review Questions

1. In Exodus 13:21-22 – What did God guide the people with?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
2. In 1 Corinthians 2:9 – Write the full scripture out below: _____

3. What does Galatians 5:25 say we are to “do”?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____ (in every part of our lives)
4. Write out Psalms 119:105
 below: _____

5. In John 16:12-13-When the Spirit of Truth comes, what will He do for us? _____

6. How do you deal with verse Proverbs 16:9? _____

Exodus 13:21-22 (NLT)

²¹ The **LORD went ahead of them**. He **guided them** during the **day with a pillar of cloud**, and he provided **light at night with a pillar of fire**. This **allowed them to travel by day or by night**. ²² And the **LORD did not remove** the pillar of **cloud** or pillar of **fire** from its place in front of the people.

(bfc-God gave me the verse Psalms 32:8 in 2009, to hold on to as part of the teaching gift He placed in my heart. When God calls you and gives you a specific verse, it will GUIDE and COMFORT you and keep you through the tough times, especially when you may want to quit. In making this verse Life Applicable, I am thankful that God does go ahead of us. I can remember many times as I look back on my job where God protected me and opened and closed the right doors for me to enter regarding work situations, He also does this in my personal life since I retired.

*As **God goes ahead** of us, sometimes we just follow Him by our PEACE for those times when we are not sure what we are supposed to do; other times He will give us scripture, confirmations or words of wisdom from someone we trust. **Our Pillar of Cloud and Fire IS THE HOLY SPIRIT and He always dwells inside of us . He never leaves us and keeps His angels of protection all around us.)***

Galatians 5:25 (NLT)

²⁵ Since we are **living by the Spirit**, let us **follow the Spirit's leading** in every part of our lives.

***bfc**-How do we live and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit? Some people have never learned or been taught that the Holy Spirit is a PERSON, not an it. He is the third person of the Trinity; He is real, alive, and active within us. We need to ask for a fresh filling of Him every day. New day needs new infilling of His power and strength to help us walk pleasing to Him. The only way we can do this is staying connected to Jesus via His word, prayer, praise and fellowship with other Christians.*

Psalm 119:105(NLT)

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a **lamp to guide my feet** and a **light for my path.**

(bfc- This verse is short, simple, and easy to memorize. The Word-The Holy Spirit-Jesus-Abba Father, are always available to show us the way we need to go. We all have a race to run; be watchful our steps as we move forward and listen to His voice and walk accordingly. Obedience= blessings.)

Proverbs 16:9 (NLT)

⁹ **We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps.**

Commentary Notes: Many wander and wonder through life, wishing they knew God’s will for them. Commit your works to the LORD ([Pr 16:3](#); [Ps 37:4-5](#)); believe that He will take care of the details ([Ps 37:23](#); [84:11](#)). There are no “perfect” human plans, so do not look for them. You live in a sinful world; everything is imperfect. God has not revealed perfect choices. You cannot see the next five minutes. Do not waste your life worrying, or you will always be frustrated.

If you fear or worry about circumstances or perfect plans, you will hesitate or do nothing, and you will lose God’s blessing for faith and diligence ([Eccl 11:3-6](#)). Since you do not know what will happen five minutes from now, run on in Biblical wisdom .

Ruth was a poor widow in a foreign land. She devised in her heart to glean fields – pick up scraps after the reapers – a lowly job with little future potential ([Ruth 2:2](#)). But the LORD directed her steps to the field of Boaz, a rich, single man who ended up marrying her, and they had David as their great-grandson ([Ruth 2:3](#); [4:17](#)). Give God the glory!

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)

⁸ **God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God.** ⁹ **Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.**

1 John 4:17 (NLT)-¹⁷ And **as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid** on the day of judgment, but we **can face him with confidence** because **we live like Jesus here in this world.**

Romans 5:19 (NLT)-¹⁹ Because **one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.**

Genesis 1:28 (NLT)-²⁸ Then **God blessed them** and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

John 14:6 (NLT)-⁶ Jesus told him, “I am **the way, the truth, and the life**. No one **can come to the Father except through me**.”

The Work of the Holy Spirit-John 16:5-15 (KJV)

⁵ But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou?⁶ But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

⁸ And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:⁹ Of sin, because they believe not on me;¹⁰ Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;¹¹ Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

¹² I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.¹³ Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

¹⁴ He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.¹⁵ All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

John 16:12-13 (NLT)² “There is **so much more I want to tell you, but you can’t bear it now**.¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. **He will tell you about the future**.”

bfc-I think of verse 12 quite often. There is so much to learn from Gods Word and sometimes it can be deeper than our infinite minds can comprehend. God is a big God, and I don’t think we will understand everything He has for us until we see Him.

*As John Stickl quoted in his video **“God speaks to us in sentences not paragraphs because we can’t get it all”** He won’t tell us any more than one next step at a time. If we knew what was going to happen tomorrow or next year, we would not be able to handle it! More than likely, if we knew what was really in store for us, we would react differently today, and have a hard time moving forward because of fear, lack of confidence and many other emotions.*

Video Notes by BFC for Lesson #2

- Follow the Cloud
 - Listening to Gods voice and taking Next Steps into Freedom
 - How do you take a next step?
 - Why do you take a next step?
 - How do you know what that next step is?
 - Great Questions, right?
- Lean in and Listen – we are going to move forward and learn more about what we were created to be and do.
- Expect God to do something in this study.
- Follow by Faith – Follow the Cloud – Listen and Obey- One step at a time
- John shares how he started his church at the age of 29, not knowing what he was doing.
 - So, he and his church just started asking God what He wanted them to do and did what He said. What a novelty! That is not what most churches do.
 - Not everything made since and was often confusing. They had to walk by faith!
 - He shared how God had told him one weekend to scrap a message he had prepared for (12 hours prior his time to preach) and teach on following God.
 - This is not easy for him, as it takes several hours to prepare for his sermons.
 - FAITH- God told him to do what He wanted him to do not what John himself wanted to do.
 - HE was super nervous when time to preach
 - Let us follow the cloud – it became who they were as a church

- Follow the Cloud – Move by Faith not feelings, especially when it is not comfortable and does not make sense.
- A great picture of how God leads us
- He saw their misery and concerned about their suffering, so He came to rescue them. Moses-Pharaoh story.
- How do you lead more than 1 million people to the promised land?
 - It is hard enough to get your family to church on time ☹️
 - How do you do it? Give them a cloud
 - God is intimately personal and ever present
- From the mighty cloud, God spoke and said “Follow Me” one step at a time
- I move, you move, I stay, you stay.
- Keep your eyes on me and discover who God wants you to be and where He wants you to go.
- God wants us to live a “simple life of Next Steps”
- Today the cloud is not above us, it is within us and His name is the Holy Spirit
- Galatians 5:25
- Wherever God is leading us is better than where we have been, and He is leading us out of bondage
- What does it look like to walk in next steps?
 - God leads us in small steps not giant leaps
 - Heard the term “A leap of faith”?
 - Do not think God leads us in large leaps, He leads us to small steps
- John shares story of game called “connect the dots”
 - When you start it looks overwhelming?
 - You keep following the dots until you see what the image is, and you say:” “I get it, I see what it is!”
 - God leads us like this, unsure of the future, but we have the faith to connect each dot in the order He gives them to you.
 - God gives you your directions one step at a time
 - John shares the verse out of our scripture references, John 16:12 – God cannot give us everything up front, we cannot handle it!
 - God gives us the Holy Spirit (our cloud) to give us directions, one step at a time.
 - **God speaks in sentences, NOT paragraphs!**
 - You can only obey one sentence at a time

- Proverbs 16:9 – God plans not ours
- Let go of what is in your hand if you want to know what is in Gods heart
- Each step is designed to help you discover who we are, who He is and what He created us for
- What was the reason for the people getting to the promised land?
 - The goal was not so much getting to a new land as it was teaching them how to live and sons and daughters in His freedom
 - Every step was for a closer walk and freedom in Jesus
- Freedom of the heart was the outcome of the journey to the promised land
- Next steps are the process
- Freedom of the heart is the outcome
- It is all about who you become
- He talks about the three circles
 - **Identity-Receive His Grace**
 - Jesus is a mirror of who I become
 - Because He is a beloved son, so am I (daughter)
 - Romans 5:19
 - You are not a sinner because you sin, you sinned because you are a sinner
 - Jesus comes and transforms and repositions us because of Jesus
 - It's not about our behavior it is about our identity in Him
 - **Relationships -Experience His Presence**
 - We were made to be in a relationship with God
 - **Purpose – Release His Kingdom**
 - Genesis 1:28 – It means more than bear fruit and reproduce children.
 - It means be fruitful in Jesus; rule and reign with Him and use his resources to influence those around us.
 - Where the three circles cross – is called Jesus Heart
 - Every step in the journey to the promised land was designed to free their hearts. One step at a time
 - **There is a massive difference between “being set free” and “living free”**
 - Follow God one step at a time
- We are drawn by GRACE

- We take next steps so God can show us how much He has done for us.
- It is not about our performance
- Do you share the gospel? Do you share what you are learning?
- Who are you “becoming”?
- John shares: **Follow the cloud challenge** – read the book, use the end of discussion chapter questions.
- Is the Grace of God trying to pull you out to live in freedom?
 - **Psalms 32:8 – That is the verse God gave me in 2009 that keep me going in sharing the Gospel and teaching His word. God is good!!**

Lesson #2 – Follow the Cloud

“God leads us one next step at a time” – Scripture Review Questions

1. In Exodus 13:21-22 what did the Lord do for the people? _____

2. In Galatians 5:25 what are we to live by and follow the leading of? _____
3. In Psalms 119:105: write this verse out in you bible version: _____

4. What does John 16:12-13 say to you personally? _____

5. In Proverbs 16:25 what is the “end” results of taking wrong paths? _____
6. In Proverbs 16:9 what does it say? _____
7. In Ephesians 2:8-9: In your words, briefly tell us what it says: _____

8. In 1 John 4:17- What does our love become as we grow in God? _____ We can face Him with what? _____.

Matthew 4:4 (NLT)

⁴ But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by *bread* alone, **but by every word** that comes **from the mouth of God**.”

(Bread is physical food for our sustenance, and it is another name for JESUS who feeds our spirit- we have to study to be fed and grow to adulthood-we can’t stay a toddler all our lives! **It is time to grow up** and eat the solid food from the table of Jesus – **Come and dine the Master calls, come and dine!**)

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

⁸ But **you will receive power** **when** the **Holy Spirit comes upon you**. And **you will be my witnesses**, telling people about me **everywhere**—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and **to the ends of the earth.**”

(Be a witness, use the gifts and callings God has given you – use the Power within you to be a light in the darkness and salt to a flavorless world)

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

¹⁰ For **we are** God’s masterpiece. **He has created us anew in** Christ Jesus, so **we can do** the good things **he planned for us** long ago.

Luke 17:21 (NLT)

²¹ You will not be able to say, ‘Here it is!’ or ‘It’s over there!’ For the Kingdom of God is already among you

Genesis 50:20 (NLT)

²⁰ You (Satan) intended to harm me, **but God intended it all for good.**

He brought me **to this position so I could** save the lives of many people. *(We praise you in advance, by faith, for the destruction of COVID-19 and a cure is on the way for healing of our world).*

Repetitions – Meditate – Ponder the Word of God – Faith Cometh by HEARING (Reading/Studying) and HEARING the Word of God.

Comments from John Stickl Video Notes worthy of “repeating”

- Following the cloud is living our lives with a willingness to CHANGE our PLANS to RESPOND to what God is asking.
- We build our lives on what God is saying, NOT on what He has said.
- The Good Samaritan is a prophetic picture of Jesus
- We were broken, beat up, and left to die when Jesus entered our lives.
- When we understand what Jesus did for us, we can go and do the same for others.
- Every day is a STORM – it rips through the lives of people all around us.
- Who we are determines what we do?
- We are the LIGHT of the world who brings light to a dark world
- We ARE the SALT of the earth who brings TASTE to a flavorless world
- We have been blessed, so we become a blessing
- The kingdom of God is within us which means our steps release heavenly life
- We have been equipped to be part of the purposes of God beyond the crisis.

Lesson #4 Review Questions

1. In Matthew 4:4, what are we to live by? _____.
2. In Matthew 4:4, what is another name for Jesus? _____
3. In Luke 10:30-37, why do you think the despised Samaritan was “despised”?
4. List all the things the good Samaritan did for the man that was beaten up? _____

5. What takes place to us in Acts 1:8? _____
6. What does Jesus tell us to DO in Acts 1:8? _____
7. How important is Genesis 50:20 to you at this COVID-19 pandemic time? _____

