

26 | Mon – Not like everyone else | Read Luke 4:16-21

What does a revolutionary lifestyle look like? How is it different from regular everyday life? Early in Jesus' ministry, he described how he was called to live while on earth, intentionally spending time with his Father and then focusing on the needs of others. What if you lived life like he did? Start by asking Jesus to help you see people through his eyes. Choose a day this week, pray that prayer and then see what happens.

27 | Tue – Impossible on your own | Read Isaiah 61:1 and John 15:4-5

The kind of lifestyle that God calls us to live is not something we are capable of doing on our own. Supernatural help is available. *"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to* ______" (fill in the blank). How many times have you attempted to accomplish something you felt God wanted you to do but failed (lose weight, kick a bad habit, forgive someone)? Is it possible you were trying to do it in your own strength?

28 | Wed - "...to bring good news..." | Read Isaiah 61:1 and Luke 4:42-44

News comes to us from many sources, internet, social media, TV, radio, newspapers but most of it is bad news. There is good news out there but we are not hearing much of it. What about you? Do you tend to share the positive or the negative? We are called to bring good news to others. What better news to tell someone than how much God loves them and how they can be in relationship with God because of Jesus?

1 | Thu – "...bind up the brokenhearted..." | Read Isaiah 61:1 and 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Sometimes we struggle with our own losses and forget we are not the only ones. As you turn to God when dealing with grief or pain and find His comfort, you are then able to comfort others. Most people wear a pleasant face but who knows what lies beneath the surface. Look around. Who else might need to know that God cares about them? When you get real with someone, they can also be real with you.

2 | Fri – "...to proclaim freedom..." | Read Isaiah 61:1 and John 8:31-36

Freedom is a precious gift. A person might be politically free but still be a prisoner in some area of their life. Jesus said it is truth that sets us free. Have you ever found freedom through someone speaking truth to you and you suddenly understood what was going on? Then you know what a great gift you have to offer others. As a follower of Jesus, you are called to speak truth, first to yourself, then to God, and finally to others as God leads.

3 | Sat – How will you live the rest of your life? | Read Romans 12:1-2 and 9-21

Someone once said, "Think about what you feel like doing or what your automatic response might be. Then do the opposite." While this advice may not apply in every case, there is some truth in it. Jesus' life did not follow the norm or status quo. And he calls us to live like he did. It requires knowing what Jesus said or did and why, deciding to be intentional and authentic like he was, and then never trying to do it under your own power. Will you accept the challenge?

