

JESUS

Grit

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“Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit's power. Reports about him spread quickly through the whole region. When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the LORD's favor has come." (Luke 4:14,16,18-19, NLT)

Jesus knew who he was.

“Jesus replied, "I have already told you, and you don't believe me. The proof is the work I do in my Father's name. But you don't believe me because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." (John 10:25-30, NLT)

Jesus knew what he was living for.

“I carry out the will of the one who sent me, not my own will.” (John 5:30, NLT)

“For I always do what pleases him.” (John 8:29, NLT)

Jesus knew how to focus.

“As the time drew near for him to ascend to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.” (Luke 9:51, NLT)

“Jesus told him, "Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62, NLT)

Jesus prioritized prayer.

“The report of his [Jesus] power spread even faster, and vast crowds came to hear him preach and to be healed of their diseases. But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.” (Luke 5:15-16, NLT)

Jesus served God with a trusted group.

“[Jesus] invited those he wanted with him. They climbed together. He settled on twelve, and designated them apostles. The plan was that they would be with him, and he would send them out to proclaim the Word and give them authority to banish demons.” (Mark 3:13–15, Message)

Jesus rested.

“Jesus said, “Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile.” (Mark 6:31, NLT)

“The son of man came enjoying life...” (Matthew 11:19, Phillips)

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“Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30, NLT)