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2026 ▶ Like Jesus

City Church – Series on the Prophetic Year 2026

Series: BE LIKE JESUS (02/04)

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“He became what we are so that we might become what
He is.”

Athanasius of Alexandria – **Doctor of the Church (4th
Century)**

“And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”

Acts 10:38

Today we begin our new sermon series: “**Be Like Jesus!**”

Reaffirming the foundation of our Prophetic Year 2026:
LIKE JESUS!

Over the next few weeks, we will explore different aspects of Christ’s life and how we can incorporate them into our journey as His disciples in our daily lives.

Our central verse is found in **Philippians 2:5**, which exhorts us:

“You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.”

This passage invites us to reflect on the depth of Jesus' attitude, character, and mission, challenging us not only to admire His example, but to live it out in our everyday lives.

In the pursuit of living and being like Jesus, we will highlight four fundamental themes to apply to our daily Christian life.

In this short series, we will reaffirm four central themes:

a) LIVE LIKE JESUS (Available on our IC TV channel)

Recognizing that our actions and behaviors should reflect His grace and love in our daily lives. Living like Jesus is not about being better than anyone else, but about being different, just as He was.

2. BELIEVE LIKE JESUS

Learning, as Jesus did, to cultivate an unshakable faith in the promises and power of God—pleasing the Father and doing His will.

3. WORK LIKE JESUS

Understanding that our work is an extension of Christ's ministry and a way to glorify God in all our activities, regardless of our profession or workplace.

4. SERVE LIKE JESUS

Being reminded daily that serving is the essence of true discipleship and an expression of the love He taught us. We are saved to serve.

And today we will look at the second message:

BELIEVING LIKE JESUS

Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father!

So why are you asking me to show him to you? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me.

Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do.”

John 14:9–11

Introduction

Faith is a central theme in the life and ministry of Jesus. He showed us that faith is not merely an intellectual belief, but a deep trust in God that is expressed through action.

In this sermon, we will explore five aspects of how to believe as Jesus believed, grounded in the Gospels.

Like Jesus, today you also need to...

● BELIEVE IN THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

“That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your

heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are?"

Matthew 6:25–27

The Son always believed in the sovereignty of His Father.

In this passage from the Gospel, Jesus teaches us to trust in God's provision. He emphasizes God's sovereignty over creation and exhorts us not to allow anxiety to pull us away from faith. Trust in God must prevail over material concerns.

How do you deal with your daily worries? Daily Bible reading, practicing devotionals, and talking with God while reflecting on His prophetic Word will help you in this regard.

● **BELIEVE IN THE PROMISES OF GOD**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have faith in God. I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you

be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours." **Mark 11:22–24**

Jesus demonstrates the power of faith. He teaches us that having faith in God means fully trusting in His promises and in who He is. Genuine faith that does not doubt is capable of moving mountains.

Reflect on God's promises in your life.

Which areas require you to have faith? Consider how you can pray and act in faith, even in challenging situations that seem unlikely.

- **BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF GOD**

A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding, and she could find no cure. Coming up behind Jesus, she touched the fringe of his robe. Immediately, the bleeding stopped. "Who touched me?" Jesus asked." **Luke 8:43–48**

The faith of this courageous woman is an example of trust in the divine power of Jesus even to this day. She believed that if she only touched His robe, she would be healed. Jesus recognized her faith and confirmed that it was her faith that healed her.

Encourage yourself to reach out to Jesus through faith. Which areas of your life need divine intervention?

Come to Him with the certainty that He has the power to transform your situation.

4. BELIEVE IN THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS

“When Jesus returned to Capernaum, a Roman officer came and pleaded with him, “Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and in terrible pain.” Jesus said, “I will come and heal him.” But the officer said, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed.”

Matthew 8:5–10

The centurion demonstrates remarkable faith by recognizing the authority of Jesus. He expresses his belief that a single word from Jesus would be enough to heal his servant. This faith amazes Jesus and reveals the importance of trusting in His authority.

How can you recognize the authority of Jesus in your life? In which areas are you hesitating to fully trust His power? Believe that Jesus can act and bring significant change.

5. BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION

Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?”

John 11:25–26

WE ARE SENT UNDER THE SAME POWER AND AUTHORITY OF JESUS

In this passage, Jesus affirms His identity as the resurrection and the life.

He invites Martha to believe in Him not only for the present life but also for eternal life.

Faith in Christ's resurrection and His power is fundamental to the Christian life and the message of the Gospel.

Your faith in Christ is a faith that surpasses death.

How does this impact your daily life? Reflect on the hope of the resurrection and how this truth can shape your perspective and actions.

2. Conclusion

Understand, believe, declare, and profess your faith. Like Jesus, we are the people of faith.

“And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.”

Hebrews 11:6

“But if you have doubts about whether or not you should eat something, you are sinning if you go ahead and do it. For you are not following your convictions. If you do anything you believe is not right, you are sinning.”

Romans 14:23

Believing as Jesus believed is a profound challenge that requires trusting in God’s sovereignty, His promises, His power, and His authority, as well as having a firm foundation in the hope of the resurrection.

By applying these principles in our lives, we exercise a living and dynamic faith that not only transforms our being but also impacts those around us.

Let us therefore seek to believe as Jesus believed in every area of our lives.

There is no other right way to live!

“No, we don’t know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going. So how can we know the way?” Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”

John 14:5–6

Come back next week for the third message in this series: **BE LIKE JESUS – Work like JESUS.**