



# LUKE

PART TWO · *THE POWER OF HOPE*

You cannot walk  
faithfully with Jesus  
in \_\_\_\_\_.

You cannot walk  
faithfully with Jesus  
in isolation.

No one talks to you  
more than \_\_\_\_.

No one talks to you  
more than you.

Without simple  
reminders we forget  
essential \_\_\_\_\_.

Without simple  
reminders we forget  
essential truths.

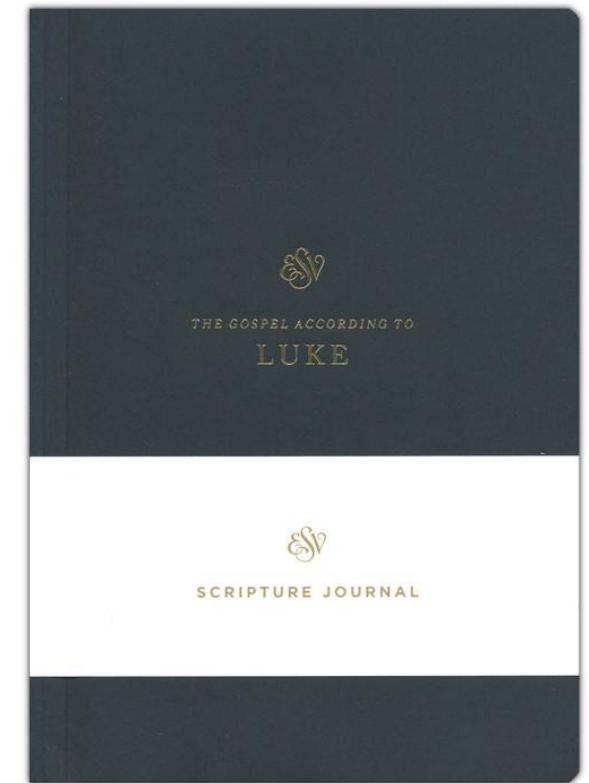
The movement of God  
in your life always starts  
with an \_\_\_\_\_.

The movement of God  
in your life always starts  
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# Turn with us to LUKE 9:18-20

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Bible under your seat.



Who then is this?

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# LUKE 9:18-20

<sup>18</sup>Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” <sup>19</sup>And they answered, “John the Baptist.

# LUKE 9:18-20

But others say, Elijah,  
and others, that one of the  
prophets of old has risen.”  
<sup>20</sup> Then he said to them,  
“But who do you say that I am?”  
And Peter answered,  
“The Christ of God.”



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# MATTHEW 16:17

And Jesus answered him,  
“Blessed are you, Simon  
Bar-Jonah! For flesh and  
blood has not revealed  
this to you, but my Father  
who is in heaven.

But who do you  
say that I am?

# LUKE 9:7-9

**7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead,**

# LUKE 9:7-9

<sup>8</sup> by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of old had risen. <sup>9</sup> Herod said, “John I beheaded, but who is this about whom I hear such things?” And he sought to see him.



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But who do you  
say that I am?

“...to turn you into  
a well-trained dog, or  
worse, a lab rat or a robot.”

*Jaron Lanier*

But who do you  
say that I am?

# JAMES 2:19

You believe that God is one;  
you do well. Even the demons  
believe—and shudder!

But who do you  
say that I am?

# JAMES 2:14,18b-20

14 What good is it, my brothers,  
if someone says he has faith  
but does not have works?

# JAMES 2:14,18b-20

<sup>18</sup> Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup> You believe that God is one; you do well.

# JAMES 2:14,18b-20

Even the demons believe—and shudder! <sup>20</sup> Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?

Faith without  
works is useless!

“If you want to identify me, ask me not where I live, or what I eat, or how I comb my hair, but ask me what I think I am living for, in detail, and ask me what I think is keeping me from living for the one thing I want to live for.”

*Thomas Merton*

# LUKE 9:21-22

<sup>21</sup> And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, <sup>22</sup> saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”



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If we want to make a lasting impact for Jesus, if we want to advance God's kingdom and live into our redemptive potential, both individually and as a church, our words and our actions must be fully aligned.

# LUKE 9:21-22

<sup>23</sup> “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it...”

The seeds of rebellion  
are often planted in  
hypocrisy.

# MATTHEW 28:18-20

**18** “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.  
**19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

# MATTHEW 28:18-20

**20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

But who do you  
say that I am?



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