

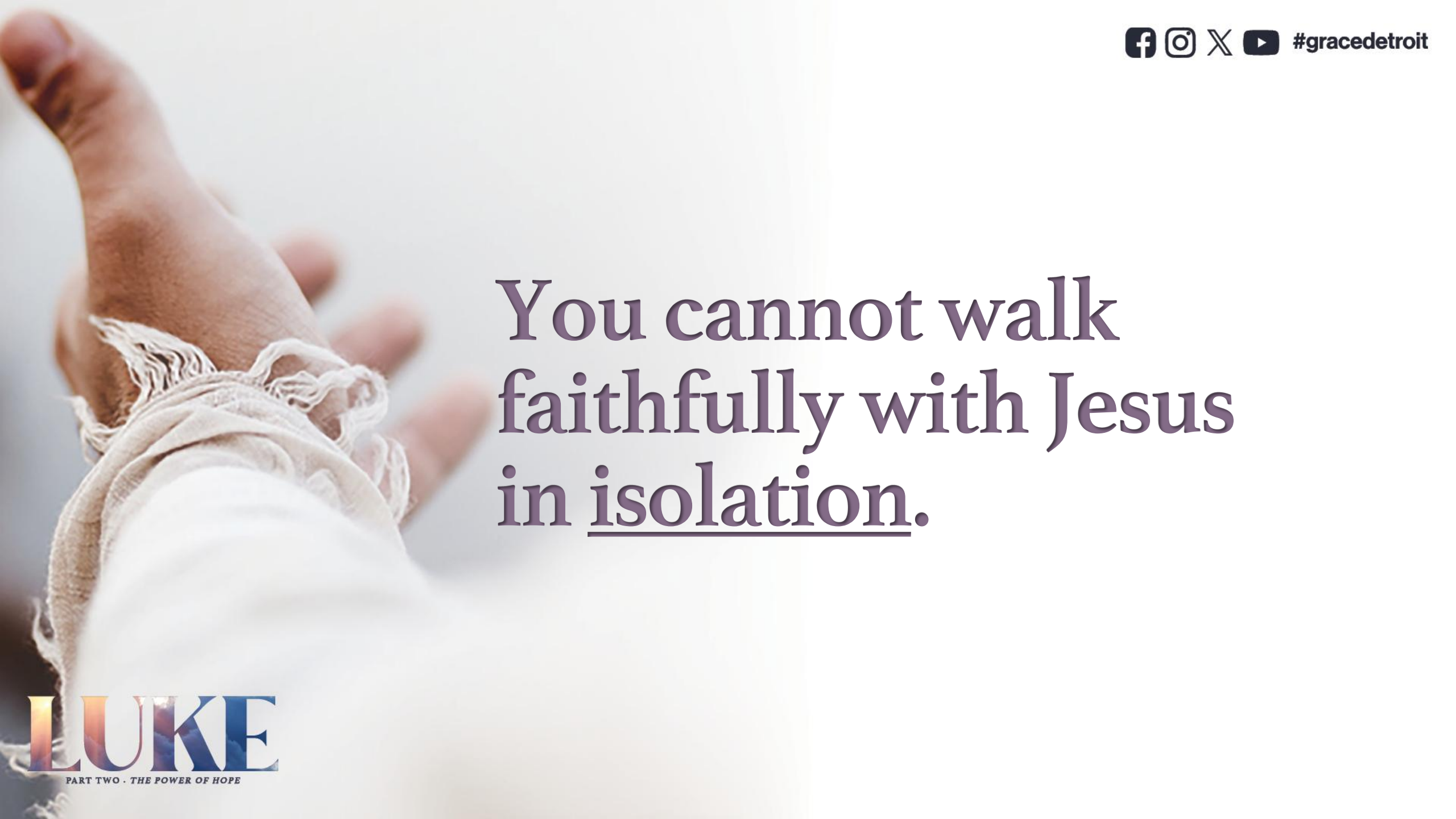
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You cannot walk
faithfully with Jesus
in _____.



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.

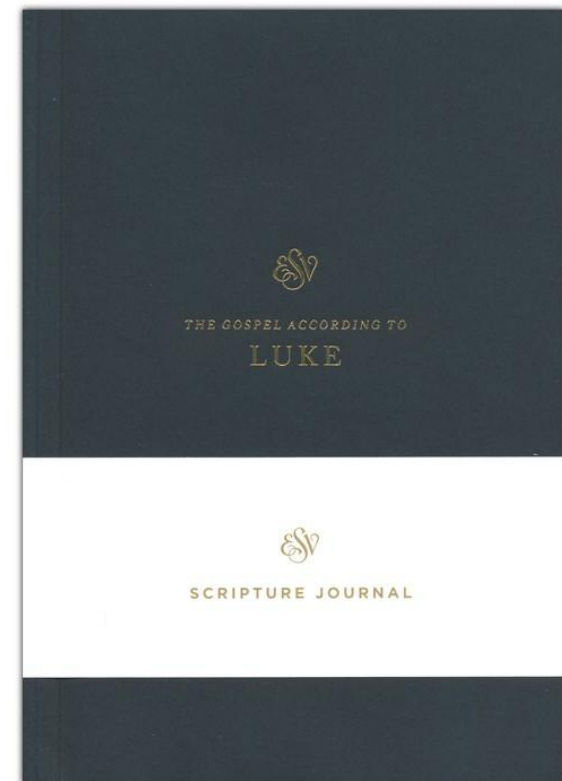
The movement of God
in your life always starts
with an _____.

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Turn with us to LUKE 9:18-20

Found on page 72 in your
journal or page 867 in the
Bible under your seat.





Who then is this?

LUKE 9:18-20

¹⁸ 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?” ¹⁹ 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.”

²⁰ 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

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




Who is this?



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

f i X y #gracedetroit

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

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

JAMES 2:14,18b-20

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

JAMES 2:14,18b-20

f i X y #gracedetroit

Even the demons believe—
and shudder! ²⁰ 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

²¹ And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, ²² 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

²³ “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ 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.”



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say that I am?

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