



Deeper Application Message Guide

“Captive - Part ”

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Getting Started

- 1) Recently a painting sold for \$55 million dollars. It was a Picasso, painted in 1902. Have you ever wondered what makes one painting worth more than another? The buyer was willing to pay a high price because he could see the worth of the painting. The painting's worth was determined not by the painting but by the buyer and what he was willing to pay.
 - a) What determines your worth? Is it your achievements? How you look? What other think of you? Read 1 Peter 1:18-19
- 2) Since our *worth* is based on the payment of Jesus Christ for our sin, why do we behave at times as if we were not bought with a price? Why do we sometimes live like God does not care about us?

Into the Bible

- 3) Read **Colossians 1:10**
The word 'walk' in Greek literally means: "to live or conduct ones life". Paul is writing the church and is obviously passionate about the spiritual maturity of believers.
 - a) What does our life look like when we act or 'walk' in immaturity?
 - b) Could some of our spiritual frustrations be a result of our 'walk'?
- 4) Read **Ephesians 2:1-10** then **2 Corinthians 5:9**
Since our salvation and place in heaven is a gift from God and not by works, what would you say is the number one thing we can do to please God? Discuss as a group and see what the group comes up with.

- 5) Read **Hebrews 11:5-6**
What does verse 6 say is required to please God?

When we have faith in who God is and determine to do our best every day to please Him, then we begin to "walk worthy" of our calling.

- a) What are some of the daily obstacles that can keep us from walking a worthy life that pleases God?

Digging Deeper

- 6) *Many of us struggle just to provide for our families, care for our children, and maintain our relationships. It can be difficult to make time to spend with God in prayer and study of His Word.*

Read Colossians 1:10-12

When we "walk worthy" of our calling by faith, God is pleased and according to Colossians 1:10-12 our lives will begin to look different in five ways:

- 1) **Fruitful** in every good work
- 2) **Increasing** in the knowledge of God
- 3) **Strengthened** with all might
- 4) **Qualified** to be partakers
- 5) **Share** in the inheritance of the saints

Recommended Reading (to help you as you walk worthy)

-My Utmost for his Highest *by Oswald Chambers*

-In a pit with a lion on a snowy day *by Mark Batterson*

-How to run your business by the Book *by Dave Anderson*

-The Finishing Touch *by Charles Swindol*