

Walking With Jesus – Week 4

Title: *Be Ready!*

Text: Luke 12:32–40

Main Idea: Walking with Jesus means living with fearless trust and active readiness.

Introduction

- Question: *What kind of life should I live so I'm not caught off guard when Jesus shows up?*
- Context: Jesus has been teaching on Kingdom living. After warning against greed (vv. 13–31), He moves to the theme of readiness.
- Key insight: The call to readiness begins not with threat, but with comfort.

Exposition of Luke 12:32-40

1. Luke 12:32 “Fear not, little flock...”

- *Little flock* (Gk. *mikron poimnion*): unique, tender expression showing care and value.
- Fearlessness is rooted in the Father’s pleasure (*eudokeō*) to give the Kingdom.
- The Kingdom is not earned—it is a joyful gift.

2. Luke 12:33-34 The Comfort and the Call

- Comfort: The Kingdom is secure in God’s generosity.
- Call: “Sell your possessions and give to the poor” (*hyparchonta* = the things you have).
- Luke emphasizes care for the poor; this is Kingdom economics.
- Principle: Your heart follows your treasure.

3. Luke 12:35-38 Lamps Lit, Belts Fastened

- Cultural image: “Gird up your loins” (*perizōnnymi*)—be ready to move quickly.
- Servants ready for the master; surprise twist—master serves them.
- Foreshadowing of the Last Supper and the messianic banquet (Isa. 25:6; Rev. 19:9).

4. Luke 12:39-40 The Thief in the Night

- Image: homeowner alert for a thief—point is preparedness, not paranoia.
- Readiness is steady faithfulness, not nervous waiting.
- Key question: *What will Jesus find me doing when He comes?*

Three Lessons for the Road of Discipleship

1. Trust the heart of the Father

- God delights to give the Kingdom.
- His generosity precedes our obedience.
- Trust replaces fear and frees us to live with open hands.

2. Invest your life in what lasts

- Possessions are temporary loans for eternal purposes.
- Your treasure determines your heart's direction.
- The Kingdom is the only investment with eternal dividends.

3. Live today like Jesus might come tonight

- Readiness = faithfulness in the ordinary.
- Be the kind of person Jesus would love to surprise.
- Illustration: Expectant parents with a packed hospital bag, ready for the moment.

Application

- Readiness is a lifestyle, not a feeling.
- Daily decisions matter:
 - Serve others even when it costs.
 - Confess sin instead of hiding it.
 - Speak grace instead of criticism.
 - Invest time, talents, and resources in eternal purposes.
- Be faithful today to be ready tomorrow.

Conclusion

- These parables are meant to make us purposeful, not paranoid.
- Readiness means living in sync with the King so you welcome Him with joy.
- Live so that His return finds you loving, serving, giving, and walking closely with Him.
- Final challenge: *When Jesus comes, what will He find me doing?*
- Goal: Hear Him say, *"Well done, good and faithful servant. Come and share your Master's joy."*