

## Letting Go of Power and Control

*Study: 1st Corinthians 7:29-31*

Every follower of Jesus at some point will confront the \_\_\_\_\_.

Crises we face can drain us of our spiritual energy, or can lead us to renewal and a deeper level of devotion to our Lord.

Growth into maturity in Christ requires us to go through the Wall. We must be \_\_\_\_\_ and become dependent on God!

Please remember two things about "The Wall."

- Growth into maturity in Christ requires us to go through the "Wall."
- It is God who brings us to the "Wall."

*Study: 1st John 4:7-21*

As we are transformed by love, the whole of our spiritual lives is finally about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to God's perfect will.

*Study: Phil. 4:11-13, 1st Timothy 6:6,8, Hebrews 13:5*

Countless sincere followers of Christ stagnate at the Wall, and no longer move forward with God's purpose for their lives, because they do not understand the Wall.

How do we know we are stuck at the "Wall." Our "good feelings" of God's \_\_\_\_\_ evaporate.

Our great temptation is to quit, or go backwards, but if we remain still, listening for his voice---God will insert something of Himself into our character that will mark the rest of our journey with Him.

*Study: Luke 8:5-15*

How do we know we are on the other side of the "Wall."

A. There is a greater sense of \_\_\_\_\_.

Are you "poor in spirit" (broken)? Matthew 5:3 Then you are in the Kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_.

B. We have a greater appreciation for "Holy Unknowing."

C. We possess a deeper ability to wait on God.

We are marked by eternity, free from the dominating power of things.

God's purpose for us is to have a loving union with Him at the end of journey.

God offers us an \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.

We joyfully detach from certain behaviors and activities for the purpose of a more intimate, loving attachment to God.

We can enjoy God's creation without being ensnared by it.

The journey with Jesus calls us to a life of undivided \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.

*John 6:63 The Spirit gives \_\_\_\_\_.*

*John 10:10 I have come that they may have \_\_\_\_\_ and have it to the full.*

*John 20:10 ...and that by believing you may have \_\_\_\_\_ in his name.*