

STAY *with the* WORK

A one-page reflection guide for noticing Christ's patient work in the places where you are still becoming

Scripture Excerpt

“that they might be with him”

Mark 3:14 ESV

Short Reflection

It is easy to measure spiritual growth by what is still unfinished. The impatience that still surfaces. The fear that returns. The habit you thought would have loosened its grip by now.

Jesus sees those places too.

When He called the Twelve, Mark tells us that He appointed them first “that they might be with him.” Before they were sent, they were formed in His presence. They listened, misunderstood, received correction, and kept walking with Him.

Christ's patience is not permission to remain unchanged. It is grace that keeps drawing us near while He continues the work.

Instead of asking only, *Why am I not past this yet?*, ask: *Jesus, what are You still teaching me here?*



You do not have to finish the road today.
You do need to take the next faithful step.



Five Quiet Questions

15. Where am I most discouraged by the pace of my spiritual growth?
16. What has changed in this area over the past six months or year, even if the change seems small?
17. What am I still tempted to excuse, defend, avoid, or control?
18. What truth of Jesus do I already know but still need to practice more deeply?
19. What is one faithful step I can take this week instead of waiting to feel completely changed?

A Simple Practice — The Road Behind / The Road Ahead

THE ROAD BEHIND

Name one way His grace has already changed you. Maybe you recognize an old pattern sooner, apologize more freely, pray earlier in the struggle, or return to Jesus more quickly.

Write one evidence of grace: _____

THE ROAD AHEAD

Name one place where Jesus is still asking you to repent, trust, obey, forgive, surrender, or remain faithful.

Write one next step: _____

Practice Prayer

Jesus, help me notice Your grace behind me and follow You faithfully on the road ahead.

A Short Prayer

Lord Jesus, You know every unfinished place in me. Thank You for loving me enough to keep forming me. Help me recognize the grace already at work without becoming comfortable with what still needs to change. Keep me near enough to hear Your correction, humble enough to receive it, and faithful enough to take the next step You place before me. Amen.

Connection to the Reflection

Continue with this week's *When the Word Lingers* reflection: *The Patience of Christ — Why Jesus does not abandon unfinished people* — tiofelipe.com/blog