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# Sunday

Hopeful Hearts Ministry



# *A Message*

— FROM OUR PASTOR —



**Dear Friends,**

**I joyfully welcome you to this new edition of our Sunday publication. Each issue is a blessing and an opportunity to share God's Word, strengthen our faith, and grow together as one body in Christ. I thank God for every contributor and reader who helps make this ministry possible.**

**Our Bible lesson this week comes from Matthew 7:21, where Jesus reminds us:**

**Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.**

**These words call each of us to live with sincerity and integrity. It is not enough to speak about faith our actions must reflect the heart of Christ in all that we do. Our *walk* must match our *talk*.**

**In a world full of words and promises, God desires authenticity from His people. He calls us to love genuinely, serve humbly, forgive freely, and live truthfully. When our daily walk aligns with our confession of faith, we become living witnesses of His transforming grace.**

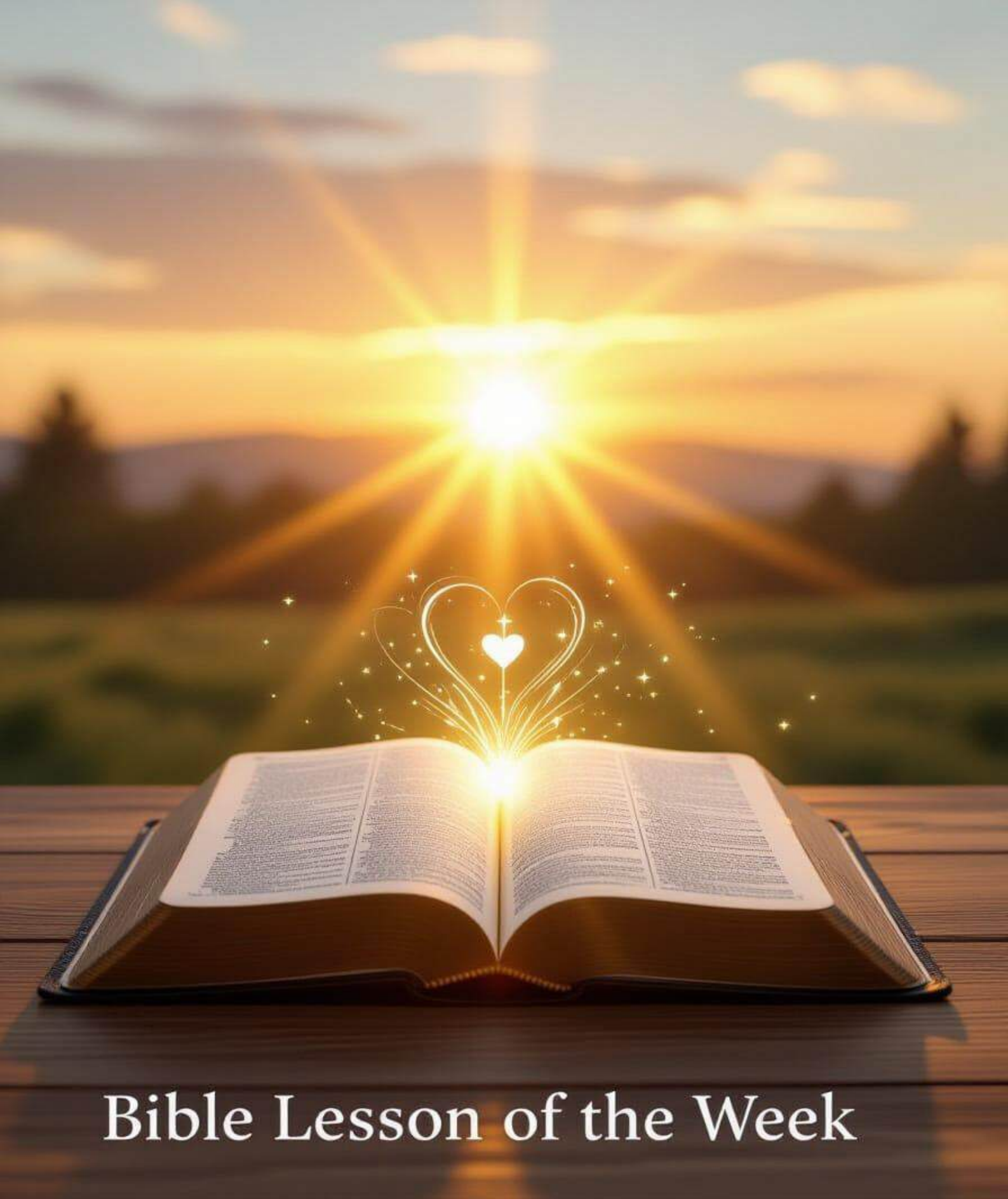
**As you read through this week's reflections may the Spirit of God stir your heart to live out your faith boldly and faithfully. Let your life be the message that points others to Jesus not only in what you say, but in how you live.**

**May this week bring renewed purpose, deeper devotion, and a closer walk with our Lord.**

**If this edition blesses you, I encourage you to share it with someone who could use a little hope today. Together, let's let God's love shine through *Hopeful Hearts Ministry Sunday*.**

**With love and blessings,  
Pastor Dan  
*Hopeful Hearts Ministry***





Bible Lesson of the Week

# Our walk should match our talk

In this passage, Jesus gives a powerful and sobering reminder about the true nature of faith. He warns that not everyone who *professes* faith in Him truly *possesses* it. Words alone are not enough — our actions must align with God's will. True discipleship is more than calling Jesus "Lord"; it's living as if He truly is Lord of our lives.

## 1. True Faith Produces Obedience

Jesus is not rejecting the importance of faith or confession. Instead, He's teaching that real faith shows itself in obedience.

To call Him "Lord" is to acknowledge His authority but to *do* the Father's will is to *submit* to that authority in our daily choices.

## 2. Empty Words vs. Living Faith

It's possible to have the *appearance* of devotion to attend church, say the right words, even serve in ministry yet lack a heart fully surrendered to God.

Jesus warns against this kind of shallow religion. The danger is not in *what* we say, but in *what we fail to live out*.

Our faith becomes authentic when our lives mirror the heart of Christ when love, humility, forgiveness, and righteousness are not just words we say, but truths we live

## 3. Doing the Will of the Father

So what does it mean to *do the will of the Father*?

It means to live in alignment with His Word to follow His commands, to love others, to walk in humility and repentance.

Our obedience is not about earning salvation — it's about expressing our love for the One who has already saved us.

## 4. A Call to Authentic Living

This verse is both a warning and an invitation. Jesus is inviting us to authenticity to live a faith that is real, consistent, and active.

When we live what we believe, our lives become a testimony that draws others to Him. Our words have power when they are backed by a life that reflects God's grace and truth.



A person is shown from the chest down, sitting at a desk. Their hands are clasped together and resting on an open Bible. They are wearing a light-colored, ribbed sweater. The scene is set by a window with light blue curtains, through which soft sunlight is streaming. A small gold cross sits on the windowsill. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and spiritual.

# *This Week's Prayer*



**Heavenly Father,**

Thank You for the gift of Your Word that guides our hearts and shapes our lives.  
This week, help us to live out the truth of Matthew 7:21 to not only call You *Lord* with  
our lips, but to honor You with our lives.

Teach us to walk in obedience to Your will each day.  
May our words reflect grace, and our actions reveal love.  
Where we have spoken faith but not lived it, forgive us and strengthen us to do better.

Fill our hearts with sincerity and courage to follow Your ways, even when the world pulls  
us in other directions.

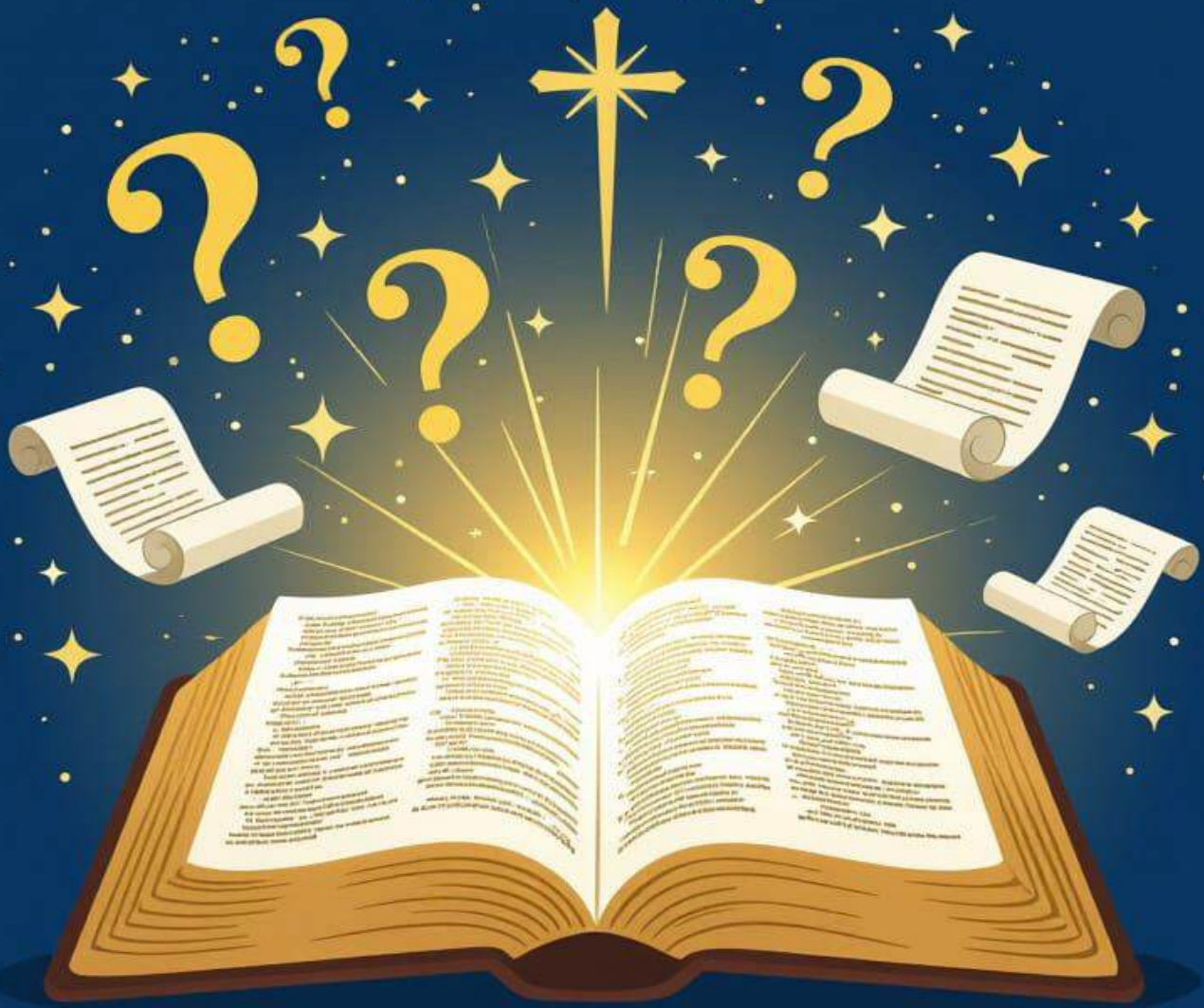
Let our walk be steady, our motives pure, and our love for You be seen through every  
choice we make.

Help us to be doers of Your Word  
faithful, humble, and true  
so that when others see our lives, they see You living through us.

We give You our hearts, our words, and our walk this week,  
in the mighty name of Jesus Christ,

**Amen.**





# Bible Quiz

Learn. Grow. Shine.





1. According to Matthew 7:21, who will enter the kingdom of heaven?

- A) Everyone who believes in God
- B) Everyone who calls Jesus Lord
- C) Only those who do the will of the Father
- D) Those who attend church regularly

**Answer:** C) Only those who do the will of the Father

2. What is Jesus teaching us in this verse?

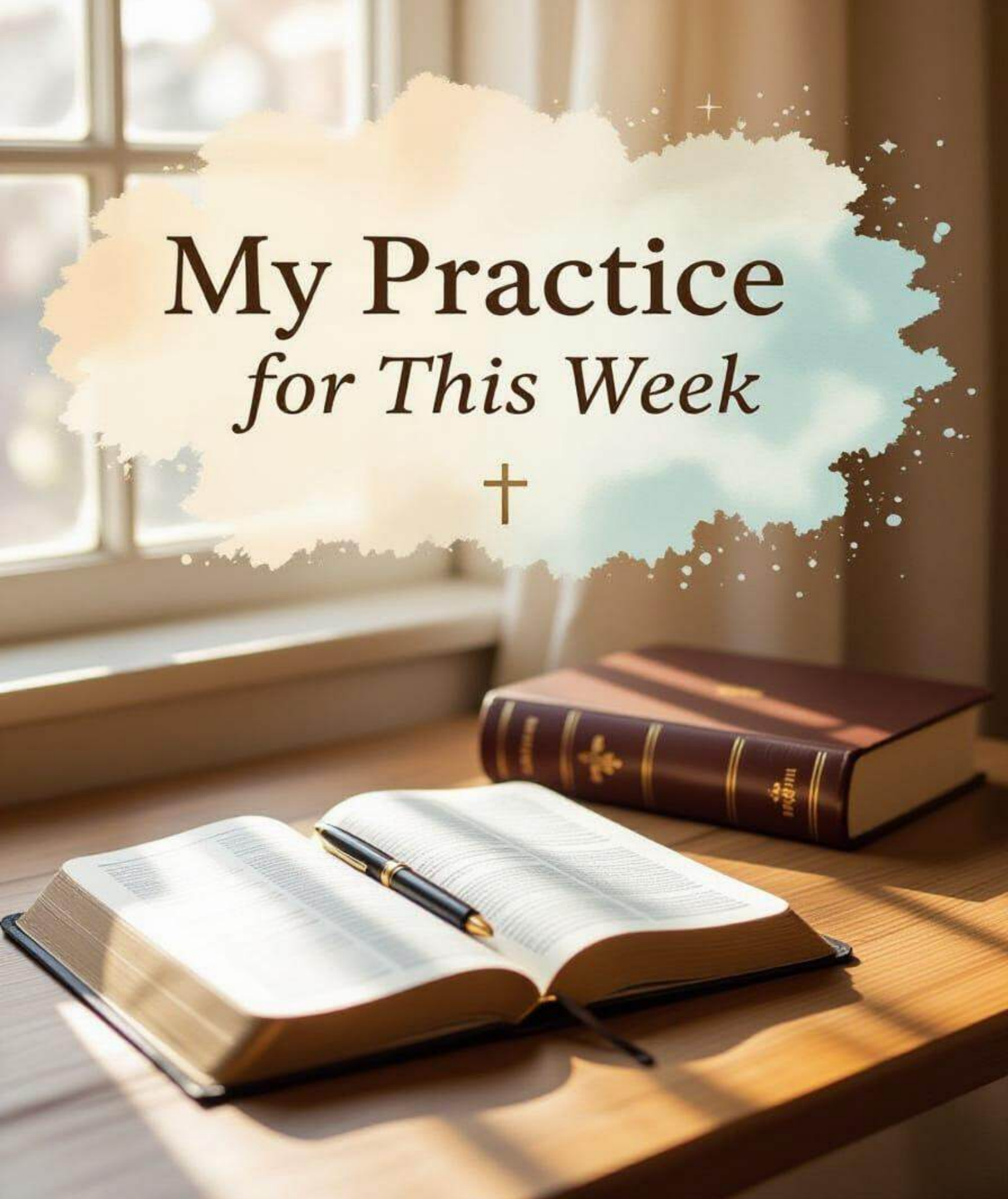
- A) Words alone are not enough; obedience is required
- B) It's wrong to pray in public
- C) We must memorize Scripture perfectly
- D) We are saved by good deeds alone

**Answer:** A) Words alone are not enough; obedience is required

3. What does the phrase "*do the will of My Father*" mean?

- A) To follow God's commandments and live according to His Word
- B) To say long prayers every day
- C) To attend church events regularly
- D) To help only those who help us

**Answer:** A) To follow God's commandments and live according to His Word



# My Practice *for This Week*







Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is not about saying the right words it's about living a life that reflects God's will.

This week, let's make a conscious effort to let our actions confirm our faith.

When our walk matches our talk, we bring honor to His name and show others the truth of His love through our lives.

### **1. Examine Your Heart**

Each morning, ask Lord, do my actions reflect what I believe?

Be honest before God. Let the Holy Spirit show you areas where your faith can become more consistent in daily life.

### **2. Live Your Faith Quietly but Powerfully**

Do something kind this week without seeking attention a gesture of grace that reflects Christ's love.

Let your actions speak louder than your words.

### **3. Align Your Words with Truth**

Before you speak, pause and ask: Does this represent the heart of Jesus?

Speak encouragement, truth, and kindness words that match a faithful heart.

### **4. Walk in Obedience**

Read God's Word daily and choose one verse to live out in action.

Obedience isn't about perfection it's about surrender and trust.