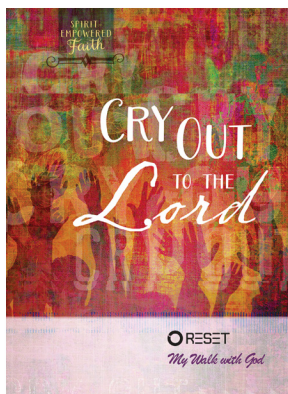


# Behold the Lamb

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The choices we make today will impact our lives tomorrow. The choices we make and how we relate to the Lamb of God determines our destiny in this life and the next. How do you behold the Lamb of God? For how you behold the Lamb will change how you view all of life. When we view the Lamb as the One who sits upon the throne, then we will live our life from that place of authority and power. And because He is on the throne, reigning supreme over all things, He is our hope that all things are going to work out one day.

We have the choice to believe or not believe, to follow a dream or succumb to a nightmare, to lift our heads or walk in sorrow, to stay in the desert or march toward the Promised Land. We have a choice to live by faith or walk by sight, to look back or push forward, to stay silent because of sin or shout for joy because of grace.

This is the choice that Abraham made when he stood determined to climb with his sacrifice, hoping for the lamb: Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" (Genesis 22:6–7).

## WHAT WE CARRY TODAY WILL BE OUR BED FOR TOMORROW

Isaac carried the wood to the very place to which he would be bound in a short while. We should ask ourselves, what are we carrying? The fact is that what we carry up will determine what we bring down. What we carry today will be our bed tomorrow. If we carry bitterness, we will lie on bitterness. If we carry hatred, we will be bound to hatred. If we carry envy, we will lie on envy. But if we carry joy, if we carry peace, if we carry love, if we carry righteousness, we will rest on joy, peace, love, and righteousness in the Holy Ghost. In essence, we will rest in the bounty of the kingdom of God.





- L2. Listening to and hearing God for direction and discernment.

### **PRAY and Experience Scripture**

*“Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up” (Hebrews 12:1).*

*Spend a few moments asking the Lord to show you any of the unnecessary things that you are carrying. Is there any weight that needs to be stripped off or any sin that needs to be let go of? Ask the Holy Spirit to examine your life so that you can rest in the bounty of God and then actively engage on mission with Him.*

*Lord, speak to me about the areas of my life that might be weighing me down? Do I need to strip off bitterness, anger, envy, fear, insecurity, or shame? Do I need to let go of any sins—selfishness, pride, hatred, lust, or greed? Speak to me, Lord.*

### **Where Is The Lamb?**

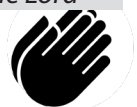
Isaac then asked the \$100-million question, “I see the fire, I see the wood, but where is the Lamb?” Sometimes, we find ourselves asking the same question: God, I prayed. I fasted. I confessed, but where is the answer? And just like with Abraham, the answer is that God will provide. Where is the lamb? For two thousand years humanity asked the same question and then the answer came in John 1:29: “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (NKJV). Jesus is the Lamb.

Even today, humanity cries out, “Where is the Lamb?” From all strata of society, men and women, children and elders, cry out for the Lamb. Let us rise up and respond with the answer of John the Baptist, “Behold! The Lamb of God.” God is now looking for men and women who will not only declare the identity of the Lamb and the provision of the Lamb, but who will hold on to the certainty of the Lamb’s agenda so that they desire to do what’s right even in the midst of criticism, persecution, and possibly imprisonment or death.

### **LEARN and Encounter Jesus**

*“Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls” (Matthew 11:29).*

*Consider for a moment the invitation of Jesus in Matthew 11. The image He portrays in the text is of Christ standing before us, but He stands in a yoke, and the other side of the yoke is empty. The yoke is a tool used long ago to train farm animals. An older animal would take one side of the yoke, while the younger and less experienced animal worked alongside, learning from the experienced one. Imagine that Christ stands before you as the One who is love and invites you to come and take the other side of the yoke. Imagine now the whispered words of Jesus as the Lord*





W7. A life explained as one of “experiencing Scripture”

*would say to you, “I know there are times when you don’t know how to live by My agenda, but you can learn from Me. I can teach you. I know that you may not always understand what it means to live for Me, but I will guide you. I know that you will experience difficult times, but rest in the truth that I am bearing the load with you. Would you come and take the other side of this yoke? Together let’s live this life well.”*

*Pause and respond to His initiation.*

*Lord Jesus, I am committed to join You and to learn from You. I especially want to join You in \_\_\_\_\_.*

### **The Lamb Is on the Throne**

Let this generation shake off the shackles of complacency and mediocrity while declaring, “Behold the Lamb! Behold the Lamb who brings forth righteousness and justice. Behold the Lamb who activates sanctification and service. Behold the Lamb who reconciles the message with the march, holiness with humility, and truth with love.”

The apostle John saw the Lamb seated on the throne. Not only did the Father provide the Lamb, but He also seated the Lamb on the throne, which means the Lamb rules and governs. As long as the Lamb is on the throne, there is hope.

On a trip to Israel, I visited an olive tree farm. The director of the farm and surrounding campground pointed to an olive tree and asked me to guess the age of the tree. I responded, “One or two hundred years old.” She replied, “That tree is somewhere between fifteen hundred and two thousand years old.”

I asked, “How can a tree survive that long?” She quickly replied, “That tree has experienced fires and droughts, and it still stands. Simply, the roots are embedded within the rock. As long as the rock does not move, that tree will live.”

Christ is our rock. As long as our rock, the Lamb, is on the throne, there is hope for our nation, hope for our children, hope for our faith, and hope for humanity. As long as the Lamb is on the throne, faith, hope, and charity will live.

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