DAY 20 – THE POWER OF EXAMPLE

📖 Scripture

1 Corinthians 11:1

"Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ."

🌱 Meditation

One of the most powerful ways to influence others is through our example. Discipleship is not only about teaching people what to believe; it is also about demonstrating how to live. People often follow what they see more than what they hear. This means our lives should reflect the message we share.

In 1 Corinthians 11:1, Paul encourages believers to imitate him, just as he imitates Christ. Notice that Paul does not present himself as the ultimate example. Instead, he points people towards Jesus. His confidence comes from the fact that his life is being shaped by the example of Christ.

This teaches us an important principle: if we want others to follow Christ, we must first be committed to following Him ourselves. Our words, attitudes, decisions, relationships, and daily conduct should reflect His character.

As believers, we should understand that leadership is not simply about giving instructions or telling others what to do. It is about becoming a living example of the truth we teach. If we teach love, our actions should demonstrate love. If we encourage forgiveness, we should be willing to forgive. If we speak about humility, our conduct should reflect humility.

This does not mean we must be perfect before others can learn from us. Rather, it means we should remain sincere, accountable, and committed to growing in Christ. When we make mistakes, we should be willing to acknowledge them, correct our ways, and continue pursuing godliness.

Our influence extends beyond what we intentionally teach. The way we handle challenges, treat people, respond to criticism, manage our responsibilities, and practise our faith can leave a lasting impression on those around us.

Remember, people are watching how we live. Our lives can either encourage others to draw closer to Christ or create obstacles that make it harder for them to see Him.

Be the pattern of what you preach. Live in such a way that those who follow your example are ultimately led closer to Christ.

💭 Reflection

If someone imitated the way I live, would their life become more like Christ?

Do your daily actions reflect the values and principles you teach others? Are there areas where your words and behaviour do not agree?

What is one thing you can change today so that your life becomes a better example of Christ to those around you?

🙏 Confession

I am committed to following Christ and reflecting His character in everything I do. My words, actions, attitudes, and decisions demonstrate the truth of God's Word. I lead by example, showing love, humility, patience, forgiveness, and faithfulness. I do not merely teach others what is right; I practise it in my daily life. I remain teachable, accountable, and committed to spiritual growth. My life is a living testimony of Christ, and those who follow my example are encouraged to follow Him. I lead by example, and my life points others to Christ.

✍️ Personal Notes

What I have learned today:

One area of my life where my actions need to better reflect what I teach:

One Christlike quality I want others to see in my life:

One practical way I will become a better example to others today:
