



Marine Jesus – “He is with you always, just like your rifle.”

Semper Fi! – “Always Faithful!” To be a Marine means a daily commitment to live up to the highest standards. Being a Marine means to be ever accountable to the Warrior Ethos which adheres to these fundamental truths: character counts, honesty is incorruptible, and integrity means everything. We need our Christian commitment to be more “Marine like” than what our culture has made Christian men to be. Jesus modeled a warrior like character. When we discover his true character, we uncover the real Jesus. A true knowledge of Jesus is our greatest need and our greatest happiness. This study will help us be the men God designed us to be – men willing to initiate, take responsibility, and to fight for a cause greater than ourselves. Semper Fi!

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Jesus – Fierce Intention
 John 2:13-17

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Bible Verses: John 2:13-17; John 11:17, 32-44; I Corinthians 11:7-9; Genesis 3:12, 13; Job 9:14-20; 24:22-25; Micah 6:6-8; Romans 5:12

Resources: *Beautiful Outlaw – Experiencing the Playful, Disruptive, Extravagant Personality of Jesus* by John Eldredge.

Music: KING & COUNTRY - Burn the Ships

Marine Jesus: Fierce Intention! – John 2:13-17.

As Jesus steps out from behind almost 30 years of obscurity into the task set before him, both men and demons begin to feel his fierce intention.

1. _____ → Jesus is operating deep behind enemy lines. Jesus was a hunted man! See Matthew 16:21-23; Matthew 2:13-15; John 7:1; Matthew 12:14,15; John 10:39-40.
2. _____ → Jesus’ passions are neither reckless or momentary. Jesus empties the temple, but not reactively, but with full control of himself. Jesus observes the shenanigans, and it makes him furious. He takes the time to make a weapon. This is not merely an outburst of anger. This is a planned and sustained aggression.
3. _____ → See John 11:17,32-33, 38-44. The root of the Greek word here means “to snort in anger,” like a warhorse.

Marine Jesus: Act Like a Man!

1. _____ → Men initiate, women respond. Briefly, biblical support for this position is found, among other passages, in the creation order in Genesis 2, in I Corinthians 11:7-9, and Ephesians 5. To initiate is to be wise about setting a pattern that will serve you well in all areas of your life. Areas to initiate growth in are physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual.
2. _____ → Stop the blame game and find power in personal responsibility (Gen. 3:12, 13). Live in reality. Own your part. See Job 9:14-20; 24:22-25; Micah 6:6-8; Proverbs 26:11; Luke 14:26, 27.
3. _____ = A Man knows he must fight—life is a life and death matter (Romans 5:12). You are good at sin! = Seven deadly sins: envy, greed, lust, anger, sloth, gluttony, and pride. The longer creation exists in a state of separation from God, the effects of that separation become more and more clear.

Marine Jesus: Act Like a Man – FULLY ALIVE!

1. _____ → The intense personality and fierceness of some of Jesus’ encounters should provoke you. If we don’t acknowledge Jesus’ humanity, we get this false image of Jesus as some kind of bland, sugar sweet, mercy-dispenser who offended no one. A careful reading of the gospels, reveals a Messiah that was polarizing, even before He was crucified.
2. _____ → In an age where doubt masquerades as humility, passivity cloaks as rest, and emasculated indecision poses as laid-back enlightenment we get popular and ridiculous portraits of Jesus as a wandering storyteller, no more controversial or dangerous than a clerk in a health-food store. His personhood can be appreciated only in light of a deeper river flowing in him, one of fierce intentionality.
3. _____ → Jesus came to the most religious people on earth, and much of what he had to do in order to bring them to God was to free them from their religion. Free your heart for God, see the good and bad of the Body, and challenge those in authority – not rebellion and not unquestioned authority but challenging your own thinking and the thinking of those you follow!

ACTION: Journal This!

1. Do you believe you are under attack – that you are being hunted by the enemy?
2. How do you start your day, live your life, face your fears that demonstrate you are serious about your life?
3. When do you “be angry” but do not sin?

Bible Verses – The Message

John 2:13-17 - 13 When the Passover Feast, celebrated each spring by the Jews, was about to take place, Jesus traveled up to Jerusalem. **14** He found the Temple teeming with people selling cattle and sheep and doves. The loan sharks were also there in full strength. **15** Jesus put together a whip out of strips of leather and chased them out of the Temple, stampeding the sheep and cattle, upending the tables of the loan sharks, spilling coins left and right. **16** He told the dove merchants, "Get your things out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a shopping mall!" **17** That's when his disciples remembered the Scripture, "Zeal for your house consumes me."

John 11:17, 32-44 - 17 When Jesus finally got there, he found Lazarus already four days dead. **32** Mary came to where Jesus was waiting and fell at his feet, saying, "Master, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died." **33** When Jesus saw her sobbing and the Jews with her sobbing, a deep anger welled up within him. **34** He said, "Where did you put him?" **35** Now Jesus wept. **36** The Jews said, "Look how deeply he loved him." **37** Others among them said, "Well, if he loved him so much, why didn't he do something to keep him from dying? After all, he opened the eyes of a blind man." **38** Then Jesus, the anger again welling up within him, arrived at the tomb. It was a simple cave in the hillside with a slab of stone laid against it. **39** Jesus said, "Remove the stone." The sister of the dead man, Martha, said, "Master, by this time there's a stench. He's been dead four days!" **40** Jesus looked her in the eye. "Didn't I tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" **41** Then, to the others, "Go ahead, take away the stone." **42** I know you always do listen, but on account of this crowd standing here I've spoken so that they might believe that you sent me." **43** Then he shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" **44** And he came out, a cadaver, wrapped from head to toe, and with a kerchief over his face. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him loose."

I Corinthians 11:7-9 - 7 men and women, who far too often butt heads with each other, submit their "heads" to the Head: God. **8 9**

Genesis 3:12, 13 - 12 The Man said, "The Woman you gave me as a companion, she gave me fruit from the tree, and, yes, I ate it." **13** God said to the Woman, "What is this that you've done?" "The serpent seduced me," she said, "and I ate."

Job 9:14-20; 14 "So how could I ever argue with him, construct a defense that would influence God? **15** Even though I'm innocent I could never prove it; I can only throw myself on the Judge's mercy. **16** If I called on God and he himself answered me, then, and only then, would I believe that he'd heard me. **17** As it is, he knocks me about from pillar to post, beating me up, black and blue, for no good reason. **18** He won't even let me catch my breath, piles bitterness upon bitterness. **19** If it's a question of who's stronger, he wins, hands down! If it's a question of justice, who'll serve him the subpoena? **20** Even though innocent, anything I say incriminates me; blameless as I am, my defense just makes me sound worse. If God's Not Responsible, Who Is?

Job 24:22-25 - 22 However much they strut and flex their muscles, there's nothing to them. They're hollow. **23** They may have an illusion of security, but God has his eye on them. **24** They may get their brief successes, but then it's over, nothing to show for it. Like yesterday's newspaper, they're used to wrap up the garbage. **25** You're free to try to prove me a liar, but you won't be able to do it."

Micah 6:6-8 - 6 How can I stand up before God and show proper respect to the high God? Should I bring an armload of offerings topped off with yearling calves? **7** Would God be impressed with thousands of rams, with buckets and barrels of olive oil? Would he be moved if I sacrificed my firstborn child, my precious baby, to cancel my sin? **8** But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, And don't take yourself too seriously - take God seriously.

Romans 5:12 - 12 You know the story of how Adam landed us in the dilemma we're in - first sin, then death, and no one exempt from either sin or death.

"Burn The Ships" – By King and Country

<p>How did we get here? All castaway on a lonely shore I can see in your eyes, dear It's hard to take for a moment more We've got to Burn the ships, cut the ties Send a flare into the night Say a prayer, turn the tide Dry your tears and wave goodbye Step into a new day We can rise up from the dust and walk away We can dance upon our heartache, yeah So light a match, leave the past, burn the ships And don't you look back Don't let it arrest you This fear is fear of fallin' again</p>	<p>And if you need a refuge I will be right here until the end Oh, it's time to Burn the ships, cut the ties Send a flare into the night Say a prayer, turn the tide Dry your tears and wave goodbye Step into a new day We can rise up from the dust and walk away We can dance upon our heartache, yeah So light a match, leave the past, burn the ships And don't you look back So long to shame, walk through the sorrow Out of the fire into tomorrow So flush the pills, face the fear Feel the wave disappear</p>	<p>We're comin' clear, we're born again Our hopeful lungs can breathe again Oh, we can breathe again Step into a new day We can rise up from the dust and walk away We can dance upon our heartache, yeah So light a match, leave the past, burn the ships And step into a new day We can rise up from the dust and walk away We can dance upon our heartache, yeah So light a match, leave the past, burn the ships And don't you look back And don't you look back And don't you look back</p>
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