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Throughout this course, there were many things that impacted me and will carry on with me throughout this journey. This course helped deepen my understanding of what it truly means to be a follower of Christ and how everything turns back to Jesus. The readings we were given each week were interesting and insightful regarding getting a different perspective of what I have throughout my life as a follower of Christ, reading, and listening to the Word of God.

After reading the chapters from "The Fourfold Gospel" by A.B. Simpson, there are multiple parts of that reading that stood out and gave me more insight into the Gospel. In the first chapter "Christ Our Saviour," we see how it brings up the question of what it means to be saved, what we are being saved from, and what salvation brings to us. One part that resonated with me from that chapter is that salvation makes us new, restores us, and gives us a new heart spiritually speaking. In the second chapter "Christ Our Sanctifier," we are presented with the idea of sanctification. This chapter mentions all the ways sanctification is kept and how we are meant live in accordance with sanctification. It mentions what it means to be under sanctification and how crucial it is in the development of a Christian. What resonated with me about this chapter is how important it is to be under sanctification when it comes to being a true follower of Christ.

I have always heard of what it means to be sanctified, but reading this chapter brought another perspective when it comes to why we are called to be sanctified. In the third chapter "Christ Our Healer," the idea of divine healing is mentioned as what it is considered to be and what it is not considered to be. Something that resonated with me from this chapter is the way Jesus is described as our healer and how through His resurrection we are healed. In chapter four, we are presented with the topic "Christ Our Coming Lord," it mentions the second coming of Christ and how it is a crucial part of the Gospel and how it connects to salvation and sanctification. Additionally, it mentions how the truth and hope are connected to the coming of the Lord and it is considered to be the Church's hope and blessing. In my opinion, this chapter is crucial to the Gospel because it is what defines the Gospel. What stood out to me in this chapter was that every event and every moment in the Word of God leads up to the second coming of Christ. I think it is very interesting to see how that works because it gives a different perspective of what it means to have faith and place all of your confidence in that Christ is coming back for His people. In the fifth chapter, we are presented with the topic of "The Walk with God." The chapter refers to the way we as people carry ourselves, the way we conduct ourselves, and the practical part of our Christian life. The chapter connects the theme of the reading to Jesus Christ brought back to memory His life. One thing that stood out to me from this chapter was towards the end of the chapter where it said "how shall we walk with Him?" That question really resonated with me because it made me think about my spiritual life if I was truly walking with Him, if I was walking with Him the correct way, and if I'm doing all the things I should be doing to remain in my walk with Him. Chapter five was a chapter that impacted me in ways I did not think it

would because for quite some time that has been a reoccurring question or in other words theme in my life and reading that chapter brought up so many things to the surface which I am currently working on now. In the sixth chapter "Kept," we are presented with the idea of being guarded and kept by Christ, where we are able to find safety and security in the one who called us. He has promised to be with us until the end. Something that stood out to me from this chapter is that when we obey, follow the Lord, and step into His will, He grants us His perfect peace and our souls find comfort in Him. Each chapter in this reading has had an impact on my life in one way or another. It has given me a different perspective on the Gospel and how it should be lived on a day-to-day basis.

After going through this course, many questions, thoughts, and ideas have run through my mind. There are many things that I have always known, but there are also many things that I have learned. I think that this course has revealed things to me that have been pushed down for a long time. Throughout this course, I am able to sense that God is pulling me towards having more of an intimate relationship with Him. I can feel Him week after week moving pieces in my life trying to get me to surrender everything at His feet, but I have not been listening or perhaps I am listening, but I have made many excuses as to why I am not doing what I should be doing. God is calling me to be a person of perseverance, resistance, and of bravery. When things start to go downhill, I should stand firm and keep pushing forward. He is calling me to become more connected with Him, to submerge myself in His presence, to give Him my all, and to build a foundation, a relationship in and with Him. I think that my mission for a long time was pushing others and motivating them, I mean it still is. However, at this moment God

is calling me to reflect on my daily living with Him, to reflect on my salvation, to look back on my spiritual life, and determine what I need to fix and work on. This is something that has been resonating with me for quite some time and it's something that I just need to do no if, and, or buts.