

## **Ministry and Philosophy of Jesus, Part 3**

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I. Introduction. Text: Luke 3.

II. We are to be generous in our ministry.

III. The outcome of ministry has to do with Jesus and not the condition of the person.

A. We should have confidence in Christ.

B. Your life will have an impact.

C. Have confidence in the truth and speak it in love. (Acts 20)

IV. Faith is only as valid as its object.

A. The issue is not how much faith we have but where the focus is.

B. Our eyes should not be on our circumstances but on Christ's word.

C. God will give us an opportunity to exercise faith.

V. We are to take up our crosses. (Luke 9:43)

A. We are to hold our activities, possessions and relationships with an open hand.

B. This is a daily activity.

VI. We need to learn to accept failure as a path to learning the sufficiency of God's grace and God's character. (II Peter 1:16-18, Philippians 4:13, II Corinthians 13:4)

### **Application questions:**

1. How is it helpful to understand the result of ministry depends on Jesus?

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2. What activities, possessions or relationships do you have struggle holding with an open hand? Explain.

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3. How have you learned God's character or grace through failure? Explain.

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