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A 6 PART STUDY ON THE BIBLE & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Session 6: I Will Call With My Whole Heart

*Will I follow God even before I
see the outcome?*

Introduction – When Faith Becomes a Decision

There comes a point in the life of faith where the question is no longer:

“Do I understand?”

“Do I see clearly?”

“Do I feel confident?”

The question becomes:

Will I follow anyway?

Psalm 119 does not end with everything resolved.

It ends with a decision.

The psalmist chooses devotion—not because every answer has come, but because he has come to trust the One who speaks.

Read Scripture: Psalm 119:145–147

He calls out to God with his whole heart.

This reveals an important truth:

Faith is not ultimately proven by clarity.

It is revealed through commitment.

Reflection

Read Psalm 119:145–147.

What words or phrases describe the intensity of the psalmist’s pursuit of God?

Where in your life do you feel called to move from understanding into decision?

Movement 1 – Wholehearted Pursuit of God

The psalmist emphasizes the posture of his heart.



Read Scripture: Psalm 119:145

“I call with all my heart...”

This is not partial devotion.

This is not divided attention.

It is wholehearted pursuit.

Read Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:5

Love the Lord with all your heart.

Read Scripture: Jeremiah 29:13

You will find God when you seek Him with all your heart.

Wholehearted faith means:

- God is not one priority among many
- He becomes the center from which everything else flows

This is not emotional intensity alone.

It is sustained devotion.

Reflection

Read Psalm 119:145.

What does it mean to seek God with your “whole heart” according to this verse?

Read Deuteronomy 6:5.

How does this command define wholehearted devotion?

Where do you see divided attention or divided priorities in your life?



Movement 2 – Confidence in God’s Nearness

The psalmist does not cry out into uncertainty.

He expresses confidence.

Read Scripture: Psalm 119:149–152

“You are near...”

Even when:

- answers are delayed
- circumstances remain unresolved

God is still present.

Read Scripture: Psalm 34:18

God is near to the brokenhearted.

Read Scripture: Hebrews 13:5

God will never leave or forsake His people.

This reveals something critical:

Faith is not sustained by visible outcomes.

It is sustained by God’s presence.

The psalmist trusts not only God’s promises—but God Himself.

Reflection

Read Psalm 119:151.

What does the psalmist declare about God’s nearness?

How does this truth challenge the idea that God is absent when nothing seems to be happening?



Movement 3 – Peace Through Alignment

The psalmist then describes the result of living in alignment with God.

Read Scripture: Psalm 119:165–168

“Those who love your instructions have great peace...”

This peace is not based on circumstances.

It is based on alignment.

Read Scripture: Isaiah 26:3

Perfect peace comes from a mind fixed on God.

Read Scripture: John 14:27

Jesus gives a peace different from the world.

Notice the connection:

- love for God’s Word
- obedience to God’s commands
- resulting peace

This shows that peace is not found in control.

It is found in surrender.

Reflection

Read Psalm 119:165.

What is the relationship between loving God’s Word and experiencing peace?

Read Isaiah 26:3.

What condition is connected to experiencing peace?



Where are you currently looking for peace outside of alignment with God?

Movement 4 – Devotion Before Fulfillment

As the psalm concludes, the psalmist remains in a place of trust—not resolution.

Read Scripture: Psalm 119:169–176

He continues to:

- call out to God
- depend on God
- seek understanding

Even though everything is not yet fulfilled.

Read Scripture: Hebrews 11:13

Faithful people trusted God without seeing the fulfillment.

Read Scripture: Luke 19:37–38

Palm Sunday—praise before the cross.

This reveals the final movement of faith:

Devotion does not wait for the outcome.

It responds to God before the outcome.

The psalmist's confidence is not in timing.

It is in God's character.

Reflection

Read Psalm 119:169–170.

What does the psalmist continue to ask for, even at the end of the psalm?



Read Hebrews 11:13.

What does this passage reveal about faith and fulfillment?

What would it look like for you to remain faithful even if the outcome you are waiting for takes longer than expected?

Movement 5 – Honest Dependence on God

The psalm ends with a surprising statement.

Read Scripture: Psalm 119:176

“I have wandered away like a lost sheep...”

After all the devotion, the psalmist ends with humility.

This is not failure.

This is awareness.

Read Scripture: Luke 15:4–7

The shepherd seeks the lost sheep.

Read Scripture: John 10:27–28

Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

The psalmist recognizes:

- he still needs guidance
- he still needs grace
- he still depends on God

This shows us:



Mature faith is not self-reliance.
It is ongoing dependence.

Reflection

Read Psalm 119:176.

Why do you think the psalmist ends with this statement?

How does this verse reshape your understanding of what it means to follow God faithfully?

Summary – Faith That Chooses to Follow

Psalm 119 ends not with resolution, but with devotion.

- Faith becomes wholehearted pursuit
- Confidence rests in God’s presence
- Peace comes through alignment
- Devotion precedes fulfillment
- Dependence remains constant

The final question is not:

“Do I understand everything?”

But:

“Will I follow God with my whole heart?”

Final Reflection

What is one area of your life where God is inviting you to choose obedience and trust, even before you see the outcome?



Practice for the Week

This week, focus on wholehearted devotion.

- **Read** – Psalm 119:145–176 slowly
- **Identify** – One verse each day that calls you to trust or obey
- **Respond** – Take one step of obedience from that verse
- **Return** – Reflect on how your trust grows through action

Additionally:

Each day, pray:

“Lord, I will follow You—even when I cannot yet see the outcome.”

The goal is not just to believe—but to follow with your whole heart.

