

# THE ALLURE OF GENTLENESS

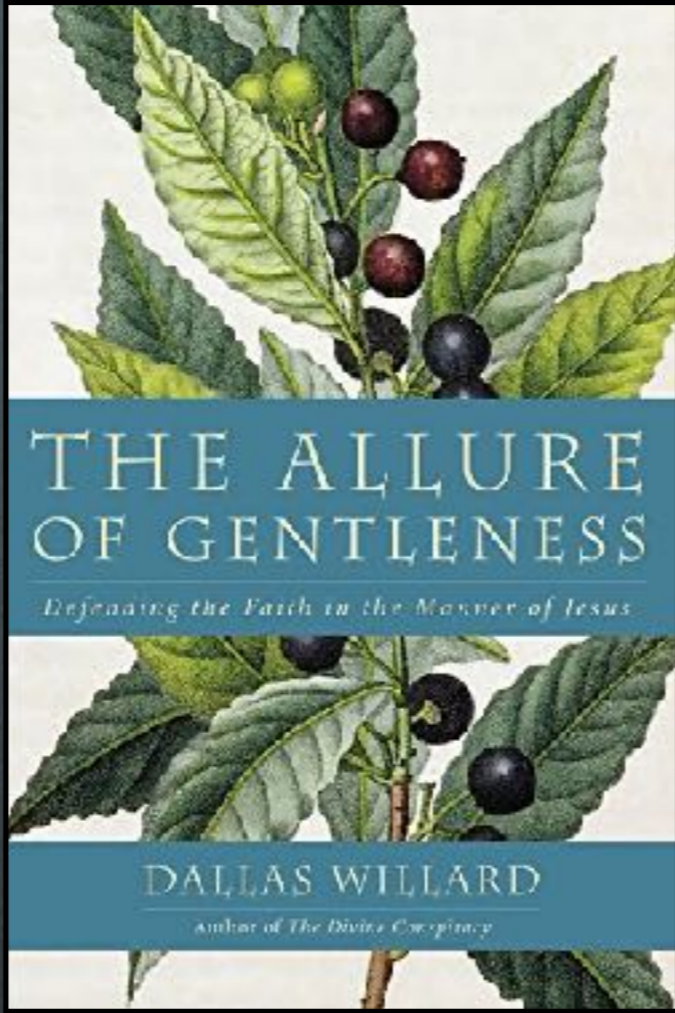
*Defending the Faith in the Manner of Jesus*

*The 30 minute webinar will start in a few minutes.*  
**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?** Use the Zoom Q&A button.

**COURSE INFO?**    [info@JesusCollege.com](mailto:info@JesusCollege.com)

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## **The Course Vision**

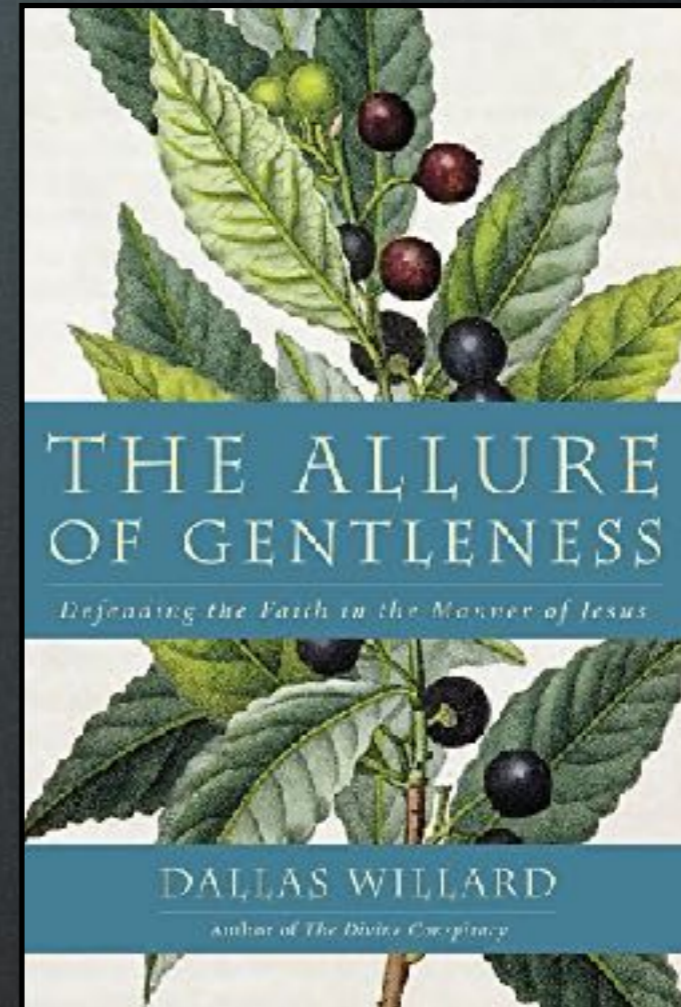
Present life with Jesus as the most alluring way to live.

## **The Course Intention**

- \* Honor Jesus as King.
- \* Teach the gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.
- \* Practical Kingdom living = “Casual Confidence” — a Psalm 23 Life Without Lack.
- \* 7 weeks of encouragement and accountability.

## **The Course Means**

- \* 7 interactive sessions with optional, extended Q&C.
- \* 31 page Study Guide, more teachings, growth practices.
- \* A Cadre of the Christlike from A-Z — Australia to Zimbabwe



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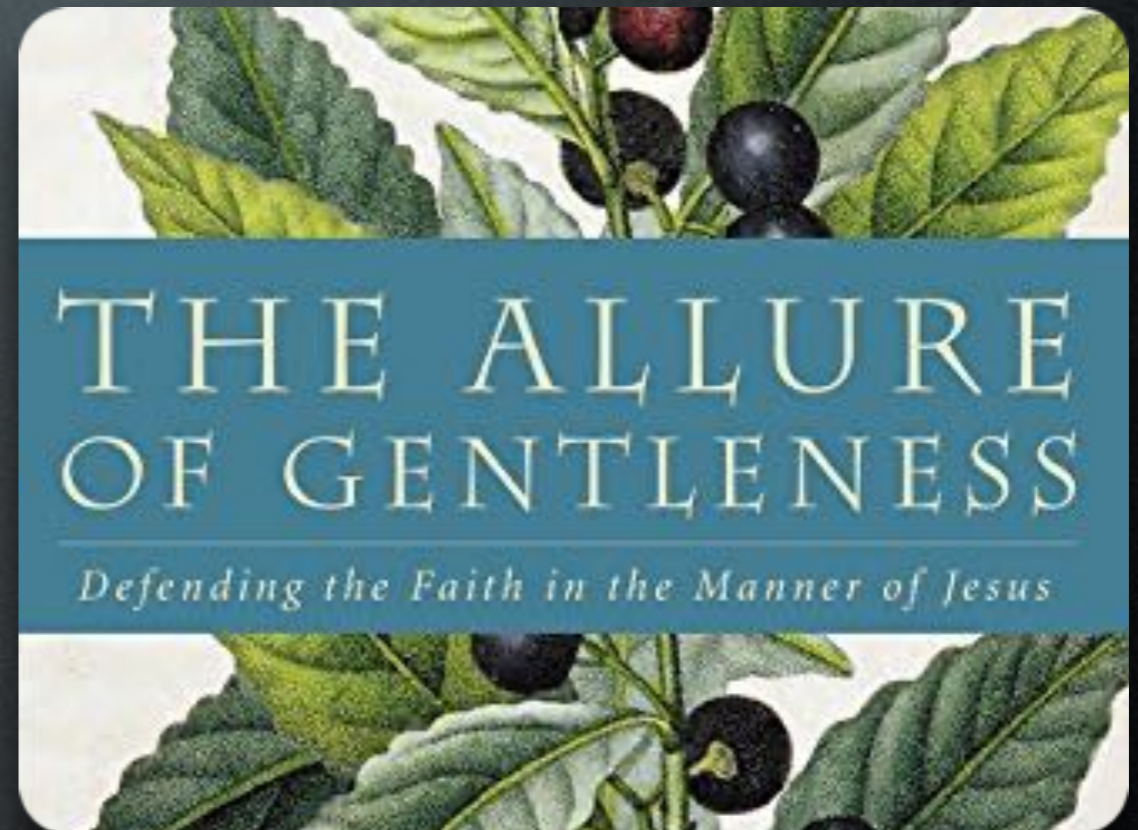
**Format** - 30 minutes

- Welcome, Focus & Review
  - Session Highlights
    - Your Q&C's
  - Summary & Blessing
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- After: Optional more Q&C

## **COURSE OBJECTIVE**

**To Seek Answers together...**

- \* What is Apologetics in the manner of Jesus?
- \* What isn't Apologetics?
- \* Why is God not more obvious?  
(Why does Hell exist?)
- \* Why pray?
- \* Why do Pain & Evil exist?
- \* Why are you hopeful?
- \* What is the ultimate apologetic?



# Your Fellow Apprentice Doug Webster

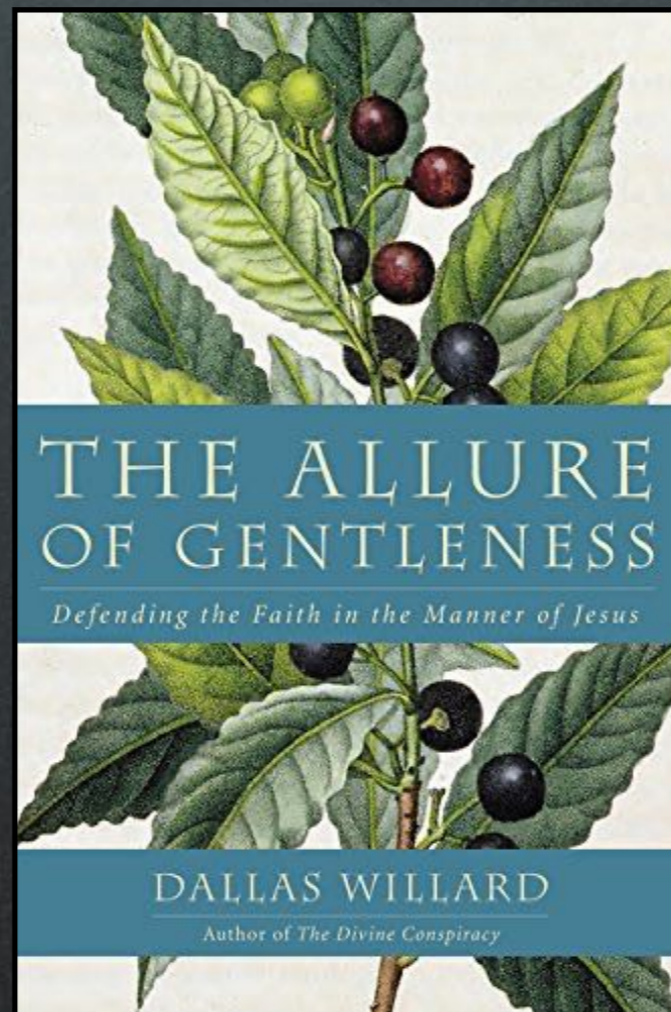
- \* Following Jesus since age 14
- \* Vanguard University & Fuller Seminary
- \* Met the Jesus Dallas Knew 16 years ago.
- \* Started Jesus College in 2015
- \* Our 16th webinar engaging 1700 participants from 47 Countries & 43 U.S. states.
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# THE ALLURE OF GENTLENESS

## Session 1

*Introduction & Chapter 1 - “Beginning to Think for Christ”*



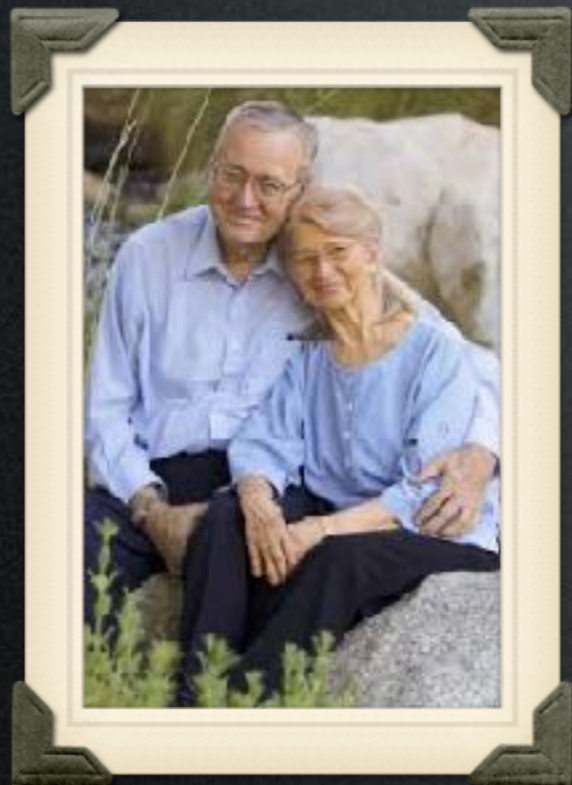
## **The New Testament Charter on Apologetics**

“But in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; 16 yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.”

1 Peter 3:15-16 (NRSV)

*“Gentle was a word frequently used to describe my father, he had a gentleness that seemed to come from his many years in the light and easy yoke of Christ. Is gentleness an absence of power or a power born through the Spirit and found in wisdom? Matthew 12:20 says Jesus would not even break a bruised reed or quench a smoldering wick, and yet his gentleness launched a worldwide revolution.”*

Becky Willard Heatley  
Preface, p. XI





## Two Key Questions

Q - What is characterized by “gentleness”?

A - “Humbleness of Mind” Colossians 3:12, Acts 20:19,  
I Peter 5:5

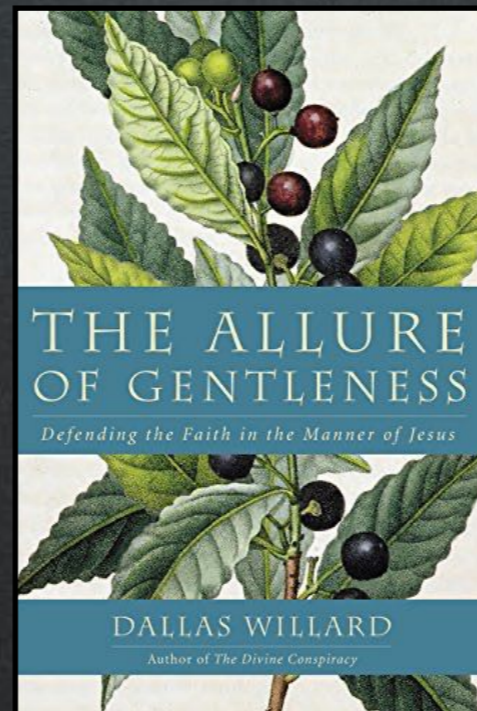
Q - What does “give an account” mean?

A -

Servants to those in Need  
Servants of Truth...found in Love  
in Gentleness & Respect

Introduction, p. 3

In the rest of the book I will convey many important topics...but all will be wasted unless the allure of gentleness pervades all that we do.



Introduction, p. 5

## Pop Quiz\*

“Apologetics is \_\_\_\_\_.”

Introduction, p. 2

\* This will *not* count toward your semester grade.



Apologetics is  
a helping ministry.

Introduction, p. 2

# THE ALLURE OF GENTLENESS

## Session 1

### *Chapter 1 - "Beginning to Think for Christ"\**

#### 4 THOUGHTS to THINK FOR CHRIST

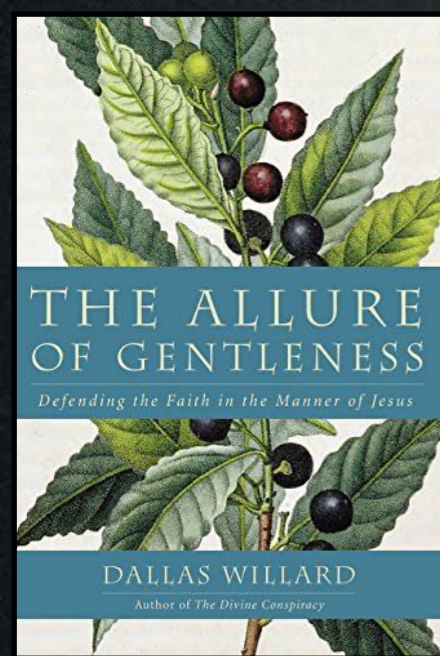
1.) Apologetics (def.) (9)

2.) "Hide n Seek" with God (11-12)

3.) What is Knowledge? (13-15)

4.) Reason is a Gift from God (16)

\* - This chapter title was the working title for the book





## THOUGHT #1 to THINK FOR CHRIST

### Apologetics\*

**Apologetics** (def.) “A New Testament ministry that uses thinking and reasoning, in reliance on the Holy Spirit, to assist earnest inquirers in relinquishing disbelief and mistrust in God and God’s good purposes for humankind.” (9)

\* - Chapter 3 — “Biblical Apologetics”

# THOUGHT #2 to THINK FOR CHRIST

“Hide n Seek” with God (11-12)

By Reason & Idea Systems -  
Separating Faith from Knowledge.



# THOUGHT #3 to THINK FOR CHRIST

What is Knowledge? (13-15)

KNOWLEDGE\* (def.) “Being able to deal with things as they are on an appropriate basis of thought and experience.” (13)

KNOWLEDGE grants authority to do 4 things:

To Act; To Supervise Action;

To Formulate & Supervise Policy; To Teach. (15)

\* Dallas Willard books on Knowledge:

*Knowing Christ Today*

*The Disappearance of Moral Knowledge*





# THOUGHT #4 to THINK FOR CHRIST

Reason\* is a Gift from God (16)

“Reason, like seeing or walking,...  
is not opposed to faith.”

\* Chapter 4 – “Faith & Reason”



## 4 MORE THOUGHTS to THINK FOR CHRIST

#5 – The Spirit of Apologetics (16-17)

“Loving service in the spirit of Christ.” (17)

#6 – At the Mercy of Our Ideas (17-18)

\* Ideas Map



#7 – What is truth\*? (18-19)

“Truth allows us to come to terms with reality.” (19)

#8 – A Disciple’s Ideas (20)

“Discipleship is how we get our ideas corrected.” (21)

\* Willard Teaching on “Truth”

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## Life in the Spirit

The highest aim of a student of Jesus Christ is to learn to live like Him in His Kingdom. This involves planning to be like Jesus...to do what Jesus did in his overall style of life. Follow him.

(21)

This requires a plan — spiritual disciplines — encouraging growth in Christlikeness. (22)



† Cross Fit

# Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

(Use the Q&A on the bottom of your Zoom screen)



Q&A



You are a steward of 10,080 minutes every week. If you spend 80 minutes weekly in personal study and group discussion on *The Allure of Gentleness*, you have 10,000 minutes to flesh it out. At the end of each session in the Study Guide you will find scripture and a few questions to grow with Jesus in the Kingdom.

**Meditation** — *Matthew 28:16-17, "...and they doubted."*

**V-I-M in your next 10,000 minutes...**

**VISION** — How and where do I see I have answered the call to "think for God"? (21)

**INTENTION** — Am I interested in a "plan for growth in Christlikeness"? (22) What is my plan? (see below)

**MEANS** - When (and how often) will I pray the prayer of a student of Jesus on p. 22?

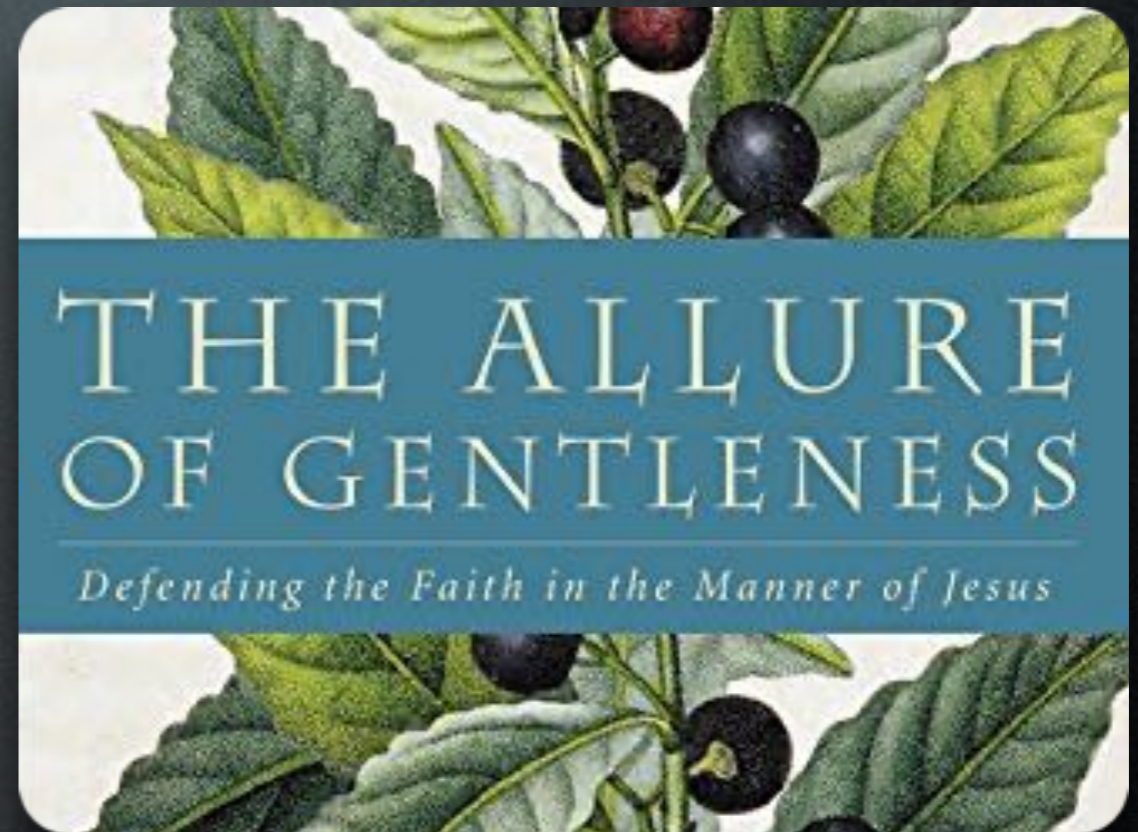


## Session 1 Summary

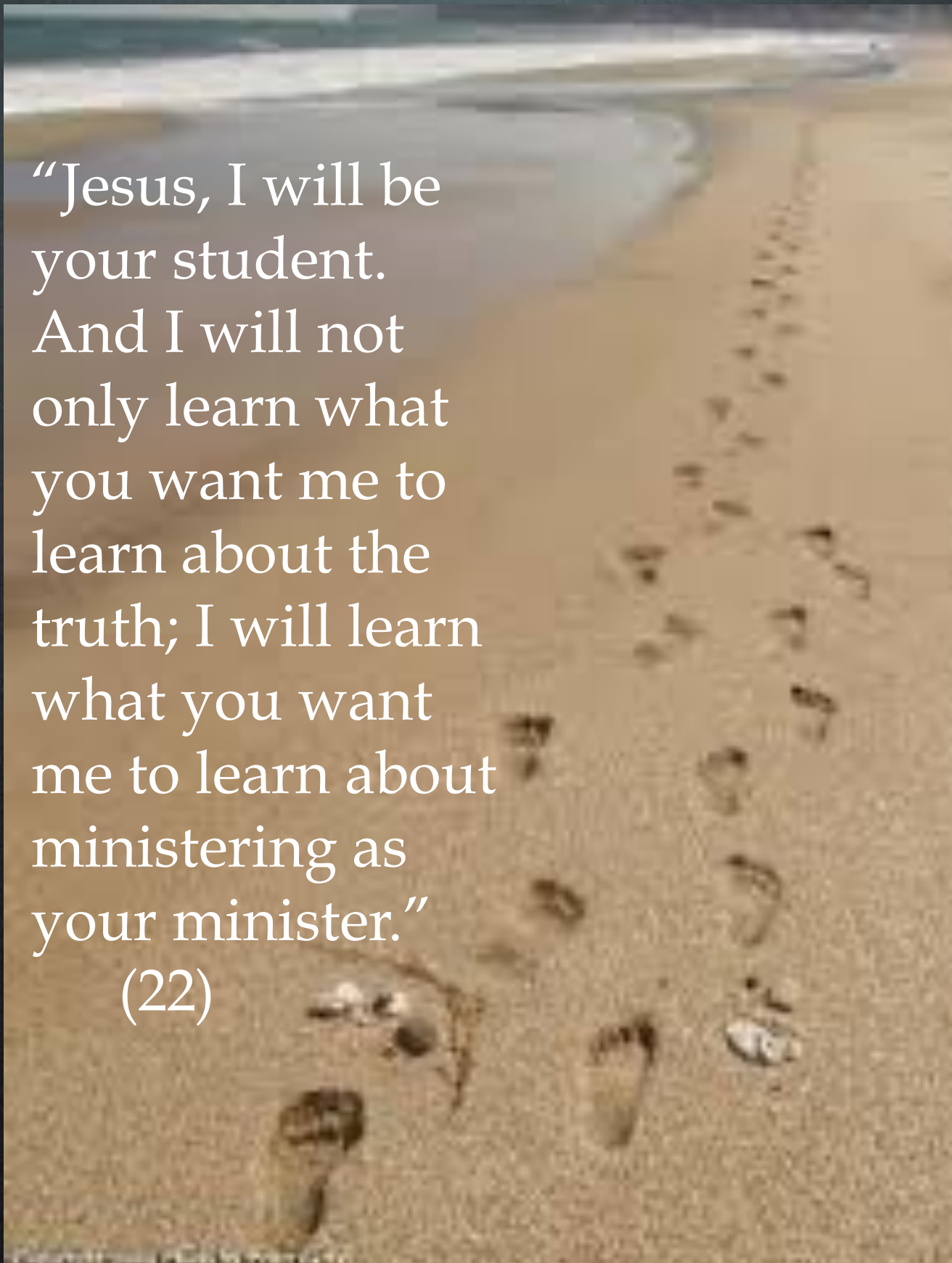
Apologetics is a...

Helping Ministry with the...

Knowledge of Truth  
with Jesus  
like Jesus  
in His Kingdom!



# The Prayer of a Student of Jesus

A photograph of a sandy beach with footprints leading towards the ocean. The footprints are arranged in a path that leads from the foreground towards the water's edge. The sand is light-colored and the water is a pale blue. The sky is a soft, hazy blue. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

“Jesus, I will be  
your student.  
And I will not  
only learn what  
you want me to  
learn about the  
truth; I will learn  
what you want  
me to learn about  
ministering as  
your minister.”

(22)



## **“Master’s in the Master”**

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## **Next Week — Session 2**

Chapter 2 - “The New Testament Charter on Apologetics” (pp. 23-35)

Invite others

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minutes may your  
thinking be  
reasonably mindful  
of Jesus and why you  
truly believe Him,

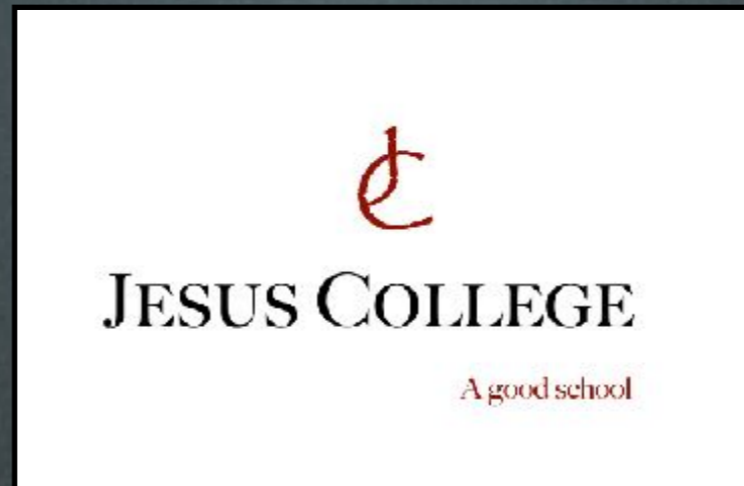
*Doug*



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*“A Student of the Superior Benefactor”*

Apprentice to Master Love — //Verbs  
*“Training to be proficient in willing the good”*

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