



*“For as the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return there until
they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower
and bread to the eater, so shall my word
be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”*
— Isaiah 55:10-11

*“Jesus asked the twelve,
‘Do you also wish to go away?’
Simon Peter answered him,
‘Lord, to whom can we go?
You have the words of eternal life.’”*
— John 6:67-68

*“Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.”*
— Psalm 119:105

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1. *Learning Compassion in the Company of Christ*



- a. "Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord."
- b. "Jesus had compassion on them."
- c. "I was sick and you took care of me."

2. *Accompanying and Leading to Christ*



- a. "A Samaritan while traveling came near him."
- b. "Who can forgive sins?"
- c. "They compelled a passer-by... to carry his cross."

3. *Staying Awake with Christ*



- a. "Remain here, and stay awake with me."
- b. "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
- c. "Pray without ceasing."

4. *Approaching Death in the Company of Christ*



- a. "Today you will be with me in Paradise."
- b. "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."
- c. "Here is your son... here is your mother"

5. *Dying and Rising with Christ*



- a. "Who will separate us from the love of Christ?"
 - b. "It is Christ who lives in me."
 - c. "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."
 - d. "United with him in a resurrection like his."
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