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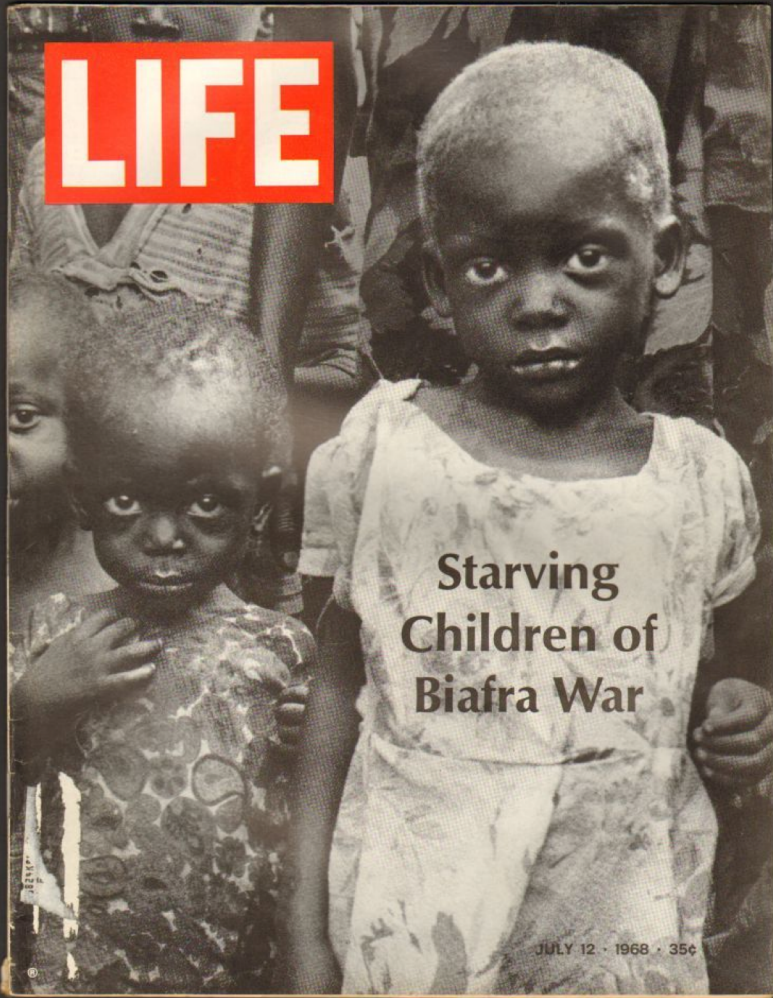


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James 1:19-27

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A person is walking away from the camera down a long, dark hallway. The floor is highly reflective, creating a clear mirror image of the person. The walls and ceiling are dark, and the overall atmosphere is somber and contemplative. The person is centered in the background, walking towards a bright light source at the end of the hallway.

**A LIFE OF CHRISTLIKE
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A dark, atmospheric hallway with a person walking away in the distance, serving as a background for the text.

**UNCONTROLLED ANGER
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“Better to remain silent and be thought a fool
than to speak out and remove all doubt.”

-Abraham Lincoln



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Proverbs 17:27

“Whoever restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.”



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Face-to-Face



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Behind-the-Back



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Behind-the-Screen

A person is walking away from the viewer down a long, dark tunnel. The tunnel is illuminated by a bright light at the far end, creating a strong silhouette of the person. The walls of the tunnel are textured and appear to be made of concrete or stone. The floor is wet and reflects the light from the end of the tunnel.

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Humble Obedience to God's Word

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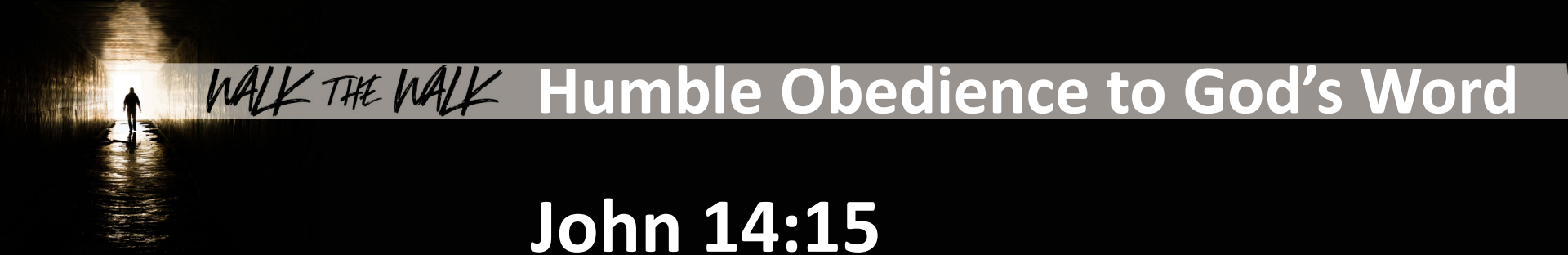


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John 14:15

“If you love me, then you will obey my commands.”



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**Devotion to God's Word
and obeying it
demonstrates true faith.**



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**Bible knowledge is not a
substitute for actual
obedience to Scripture.**



**A LIFE OF CHRISTLIKE MATURITY
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Christlike maturity leads us to care for the oppressed.

Deuteronomy 10:18-19

“¹⁸ He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.”



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