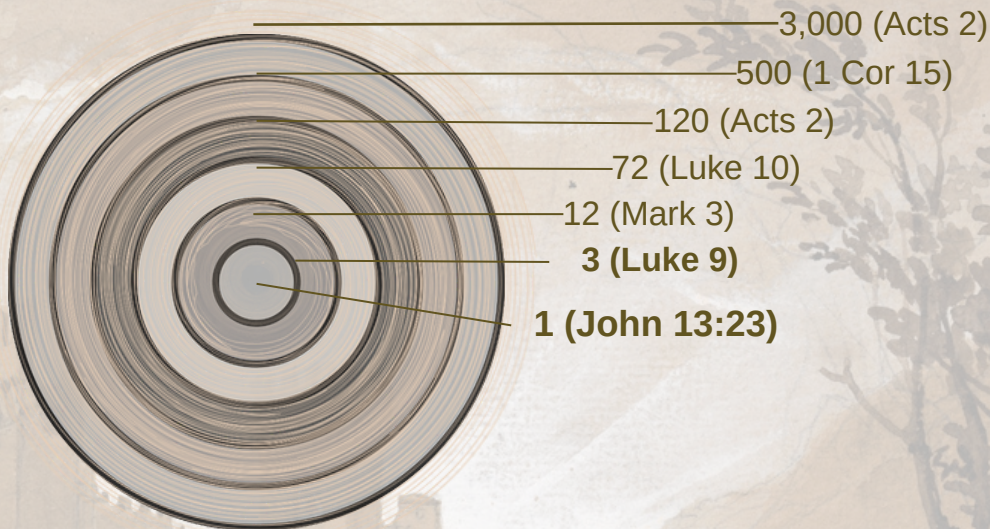


THE BELOVED

A D E V O T I O N A L



Christ's Concentric Circles

7. **3000**—marked by an *experience* with the Holy Spirit
6. **500**—marked by *faith in* the Resurrected Jesus.
5. **120**—marked by a *devotion to* prayer in the Spirit.
4. **72**—marked by *going on* kingdom work.
3. **12**—marked by *following* for 3 years.
2. **3**—marked by *elite commitment--further in ministry, insight, and spiritual fervor*
- 1.1--**Marked by becoming a beloved disciple**



BELOVED CHILDREN



1 John 3:1-3

Imagine: Read the above Scripture slowly (3x's). **After the third reading** note the word(s) that stick(s) out to you.

Feel: Pray and express your feelings to God about the words that stuck out to you. This can include your desires, confessions, questions, gratitudes, or any resistance you have.

Think: Why do you think the Spirit highlighted those words to you? Where else in Scripture or your life have those words/themes come up? What message might God be conveying to you? How could you use these words to direct your path?

Be Still: Sit silently for 5 minutes. Just be in God's presence. Focus your attention on the Presence of God that accompanies the words of the Scripture; Presence that is with you and in you. Enjoy the peace, rest in the love, be content with the Holy Spirit.

Act: What one action will you take today in response to this word?

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CALLED BELOVED



Romans 9:24-26

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BLESSED IN THE BELOVED



Ephesians 1:3-10

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IMITATING THE BELOVED



Ephesians 5:1-2

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PUT ON BELOVEDNESS



Colossians 3:11-13

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BELOVED LISTENERS



James 1:19-21

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