

Today's Message: I Should Be Committed!

Series: I Will Follow

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Big Idea: A Follower of Christ Is One Who Is Fully Committed To Christ In Faith, Fellowship and Faithfulness.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." (Mark 1:14–17)

1. We can follow the Lord with commitment when understand we have been _____ by Him.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." (John 1:43, 47–48)

And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him. Mark 1:14–22

2. We can follow the Lord with commitment if we can walk _____ from what we knew and trusted.

He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. (Mark 2:13–14)

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And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." (Mark 2:15–17)

3. We can follow the Lord with commitment once we have _____ our condition.

Why do all four gospel writers record these moments?

- a. In Matthew the Jews needed to know following is the expectation under every situation.
- b. In Mark, the Romans needed to know following was required regardless of their positional authority.
- c. In Luke, the Greeks needed to know following was the response of the least, the last, and the lost.
- d. In John, humanity needed to know following was the most reasonable response since Jesus is God.

What did they see in Him?

- a. Matthew tells us it was the hope of fulfillment.
- b. Mark tells us it was presence of authority.
- c. Luke tells us a miracle of productivity.
- d. John tells us it was the glorious sign from heaven.

Ans: 1) called 2) away 3) embraced