



FOLLOW ME



Luke 5:1-11

- Jesus' sermon from Peter's boat (vv. 1-3)
- Jesus' summons from Peter's boat (vv. 4-11)

As the story begins both are doing what they do best:

- Jesus- a teacher teaching
- Peter- a fisherman cleaning his nets

Peter is understandably irritated by Jesus' request.

Jesus ministered in Peter's personal universe—his sea, his boat, his nets—and so the significance to him as never before.

The more we know of our sin, and the more we know of Jesus, the more we will run to Him!

“but because You say so, I Will...” -Peter (Luke 5:5)

Peter was willing to submit to the authority of Jesus, even though he did not understand all that the Lord was doing. He leaves everything to follow Him.

After the catch, Peter...

- was ashamed he doubted the Lord.

But, had more confidence in Christ.

- Was more willing to obey Jesus without questioning.
- Recognized both the holiness of Jesus and his own unholiness.

“Then Jesus told His disciples, ‘If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.’”– Jesus (Matthew 16:24)

Akolouqew (akolouthēō): “follower or companion, union, likeness,”

- Overall, “follow” is used 274 times in scripture (148- OT; 126- NT)
- -Used 77 times in the gospels to refer to following Christ
- “Lead” is used 213 times in scripture (162- OT; 51- NT)

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...and even when “lead” is used in the New Testament it is not always positive.

- “leading astray”
- “blind leading the blind”
- “gate is wide that leads to destruction”
- “lead us not into temptation”
- Judas was leading the crowd to arrest Jesus

“The Christian life is not about heroic leadership, but about servant-followership. “We don’t take Jesus into the world. We discern where He’s dancing and join in the dance. Jesus is THE leader. He is our leader. We don’t lead, we follow.”- Leonard Sweet

“I am THE way and THE truth and THE life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” - Jesus (John 14:6)

“Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.”-Jesus (John 12:26)

“Jesus is not saying that our works are the basis for our salvation. The grace of God is the only basis of our salvation. But in our rush to defend grace, we cannot overlook the obvious in what Jesus is saying here: only those who are obedient to the words of Christ will enter the Kingdom of Christ. If our lives do not reflect the fruit of following Jesus, then we are foolish to think we are actually followers of Jesus in the first place.” David Platt, *Follow Me*

POINTS TO PONDER AS WE PREPARE TO PART

1. We are all following someone or something. Choose wisely.

“Do not be misled: ‘Bad company corrupts good character.’” -Paul (I Cor. 15:33)

“My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” -Paul (Galatians 2:20- NLT)

“Follow Christ so closely that we only leave one shadow...and its not ours.” -Unknown

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“...once people truly come face-to-face with Jesus, the God of the universe in the flesh, and Jesus reaches down into the depth of their hearts, saves their souls from the clutches of sin, and transforms their lives to follow Him, they are going to look different. Very different.”

-David Platt, Follow Me

2. We must fully trust the One we follow.

We are dependent on the One who is THE way

Simon gave instructions: **Watch, Remember, Repeat!**

“Our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His Holy Name” (Ps. 33:21).

3. We must be careful to not put parameters on where God is leading. God may be calling us across the street or across the world (or both).

- There are you willing to go?
- What are you willing to do?
- Are you willing to follow wherever He leads?

Our brilliant, adaptable God is at work throughout this sin-sick world, bringing beauty out of baseness, love out of loss, even salvation out of sacrifice.

He calls us to believe.

He calls us to follow.

He calls us to watch, to remember, and to repeat!

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