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FOLLOW

LESSON 5

TITLE: ARE YOU A FOLLOWER OR CONSUMER?

This series is talking about following Jesus.

Are you following Him because you don't want to go to hell?

Are you a Jesus consumer?

What's in it for me? It's about me.

If you follow the teaching of Him, you'll be a better person. All that serves you.

Mark 8:33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

At some point you have to open up your agenda and put my agenda in your hands.

Matt 19:27 Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?"

Peter was a consumer...

Eventually Peter gave up on his agenda and gave up his life for Him.

At that point... he became a follower.

It was about the following, not the consuming.

We all start at the consumer point. But the best place to live is the follow mode.

Matt 26:7 a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

8 When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked.

9 "This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor."

13 Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

You see, when you follow Him, you do things that feel right but look odd to the outside world. Or look odd to the consumer Christian.

A follower is more about Him and what is right in His eyes, than what is right in other eyes.

As you follow Jesus along the way, you realize there is a conflict between my will and Thy will.

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It's in that conflict that you learn about yourself.

I mentioned it last week:

You'll come to the point... if I'm going to be a follower I need to go, I need to stay, I need not to call back, I need not to take that job, I need not to take the position.

There's not going to be a verse, there's not going to be a sermon you're just going to know, here's that moment that I choose to follow Him.

It's going to feel like a right or wrong issue.

You'll will begin to sync with Thy will.

You may have to walk away from that dream job.

You may have to stay when you want to move and then you have to move when you want to stay.

The agenda you are giving up is a tipping point that you resolve that you're a follower of Him.

Your discovery who you truly are. You are trusting God to catch you. He becomes alive to you.

You begin to think, "God, I want what You want more than what I want."

That is what a Jesus follower wants.

I want to want what You want, more than what I want.

You have seen people make incredible sacrifices for their faith.

You've thought you could never do that, but you thought, what it would feel like to be like that.

I say to you today:

Blessed is the one who chooses to do the will of God rather than attempting to impose his will on God.

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