



Follow Jesus Christ Everyday

Scripture: Jesus said “...If any of you wants to be my disciple, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.” Luke 9:23–24

John 10:27–28

Jesus Is Speaking to You

Have you ever wondered what Jesus is asking of you today?

Not next year. Not ten years from now. Just today.

Sometimes we make following Jesus seem much more complicated than He ever intended for it to be.

We begin thinking about every unanswered question, every future decision, and every challenge that may come our way tomorrow or the next day.

However, Jesus Christ has always invited people to take the next step with Him.

When He called His first disciples, He simply said, **"Follow Me."**

Understand, that invitation has never changed.

And it is His invitation to you today.

What Is Jesus Teaching You?

Following Jesus is much more than believing certain truths about Him.

It is learning to walk with Him every day.

A disciple is someone who listens to the voice of the Shepherd and responds with trust.

Some days that means taking a step of obedience that feels joyful.

Other days it means trusting Him when the path is difficult.

And every day it means keeping your eyes on Christ.

Understand, the more closely you walk with Him, the more your life begins to reflect His heart. You don't become like Jesus by trying to imitate Him from a distance.

You become more like Him by walking with Him day after day.

A Lie You May Be Believing

Maybe you've believed that following Jesus means you must have everything figured out before you can obey Him and say yes to Him.

Or maybe you've believed that you've failed too many times to be useful in His kingdom.



Now don't miss this.

Understand, Jesus didn't call perfect people. He called willing people.

Men and women, young and old, who were willing to place their lives in His hands and trust Him one step at a time.

He is not asking you to know everything.

He is asking you to know Him.

The Shepherd does not expect His sheep to lead themselves.

He simply asks them to stay close enough to hear His voice.

What Difference Does This Make?

When you begin following Jesus every day, your life changes in ways you never imagined.

You begin making decisions differently because you want to please Him.

You begin loving people differently because His love is shaping your heart.

You begin facing trials differently because you know He is walking beside you.

The goal of your life is no longer simply to become a better person.

It is to know Christ more deeply and faithfully follow wherever He leads.

As you continue walking with Him, you'll discover that He is shaping your character one step of obedience at a time.

How Should This Shape the Way You Live?

Don't ask yourself, "**How far do I have to go?**"

Instead ask, "**Jesus, what is the next step You are inviting me to take today?**"

Maybe it is forgiving someone.

Maybe it is trusting Him with a burden.

Maybe it is opening your Bible before your day begins.

Maybe it is quietly obeying something He has already shown you.

Whatever that step may be, take it with Him. Don't wait. Don't put it off.

The Christian life is not lived one giant leap at a time.

It is lived one faithful step after another.



A Prayer

Father, thank You for sending Your Son to call me into a relationship with You.
Teach me to hear the voice of Jesus and to follow Him each day.
Give me a willing heart that is quick to obey and slow to wander.
Help me not to become distracted by tomorrow, but to faithfully walk with Christ today.
May my life reflect His love, His truth, and His character. In the name of Jesus Christ,
Amen.

An Invitation

Before you continue with your day, spend some time with the Lord.
Read the Scriptures again.
Then ask Jesus, **"What is the next step You are inviting me to take with You today?"**
Don't look for something extraordinary. Simply listen.

The Good Shepherd delights in leading His sheep.
As you continue to abide in Him, you'll discover that following Jesus is not about walking ahead of Him or trying to keep up with Him.
It is about walking beside Him, one day at a time.
And as you continue following Him, you'll find that the greatest joy is not reaching a destination.

It is knowing the One who has been walking with you all along- Jesus Christ.