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From Believer to Follower

It's always a bit of a mystery when I hear someone say, *"I've been saved forever"...* *"I accepted Jesus into my heart before I could walk"...* *"I was raised in church."* While I don't doubt a religious or spiritual experience took place, these rapid fire testimonies always leave me wondering, *is this all that's left to say after serving God for so many years?*

I was exposed to the Bible and faith in Jesus Christ at a very young age. My parents did at least one thing right by enrolling me in a Baptist elementary school. What I learned in that place made a positive impact on my life and influenced my decision to eventually become a Christian.

I guess in some ways, I can identify with those elevator testimonies. I, too, have believed in Jesus since "forever". I was never an atheist or a skeptic. Although I had opportunities to try new things, I was never tempted to worship another god. For awhile, I thought my faith was good enough. It was about thirteen years ago that I learned there is a difference between *believing* and *following*.