



“Follow The Leader”



Remember the game you used to play when you were a child, called “Follow the Leader?” One child was the leader and everyone else had to follow him exactly; placing their foot where he placed his; doing anything he said to do; saying anything he said. You had to be in complete obedience or you were out of the game.

God wants us to let Jesus be that kind of a leader to us that’s why He came to earth to be with us – He is the only One who can lead us safely to our final destination; in the arms of Father God.

Jesus said *“I am the Way, the truth and the life; No one comes to the Father but by Me.”* (John 14:6)

Having clear direction for our lives is part of our inheritance as children of God. He never intended that we should grope for answers in confusion and uncertainty. He said, *“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye upon you.”* (Psalm 32:8 AMP)

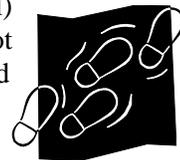


Guidance requires a destination. If you don’t know where you are going, you don’t need any help getting there.

According to Ephesians 2:6,7 our final destination, as Christians, is *“to be raised up and seated together in heavenly places with Christ, so that in the ages to come, through all eternity, He can show us the exceeding riches of His grace, in His kindness toward us, through Christ Jesus!”* That is our ultimate destination while we are accomplishing God’s plan for our life here on earth.

To be a follower of Jesus, Romans 12:1 tells us we must *“present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service.”* A living sacrifice is someone who puts the will of God before their own will. Satan has taken this verse and made something as evil as human sacrifice out of it, and the Catholic church has made separating yourself from human contact as being a holy sacrifice, but God desires that ordinary people, who love Him, would keep themselves from doing evil so they can have sweet fellowship with Him.

To surrender ourselves and follow in Jesus’ steps is reasonable (logical) because He gave His life for us. He loves us with a love so deep we cannot even comprehend it. Because of that love He knows what is best for us and will lead us only into what will bring fulfillment and pleasure – even through extreme adversity.



“For you will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” (Psalm 16:11)

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To surrender our will in order to follow someone else requires **TRUST!** If you do not trust the one guiding you, you will not be willing to follow where He wants to lead you. There used to be a game where a person was blindfolded, and another person led them. The blindfolded person could not see anything. He had to be told where there was a step, a table, a door, or anything he could bump into or stumble over and be hurt. It was scary – you had to really trust the person leading you – because when you can't see where you are going, you are helpless. Christians are helpless and cannot see where they are going without Jesus.

Jesus walks with us every step of the way by His Spirit. Choose to submit your decision making to His wisdom. Your flesh (body) is not going with you to your final destination; only your spirit and soul will go with you, so the flesh should not be your most important concern. When you put the things of the spirit first, the needs of the body will be taken care of.

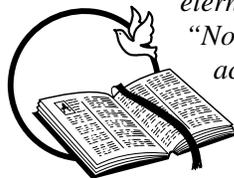
Daily discipline of prayer, worship
faith to trust and follow Him as our
still waters and restores our soul.



and reading God's Word will build our
loving Shepherd who "*leads us beside*
(Psalm 23:2,3)

Our faith in our Shepherd will be the anchor in the storm when the storms of life come upon us. If you have to ask someone else if you should do a certain thing because you're frightened or unsure – don't do it! Wait for the answer from God – He will not fail to give it to you at the right time. Timing is crucial in any decision and only the Lord knows the right time for you. It takes patience and trust to follow the Leader.

The Bible promises He will hear and answer your prayers for guidance. "*These things I have written to you who believe in the Name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the Name of the Son of God.*



"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

"And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions (requests) that we have asked of Him!" (1 John 5:13-15)

Praise God!



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1. Who is the only one who can lead us to God? _____
2. Why? (John 14:6) _____
3. What does guidance require? _____
4. What is our ultimate destination?

5. What must we do to be a follower of Christ?

6. What else is required? _____
7. What will not go with me to heaven? _____
8. What will go with me? _____
9. How can I build my faith to trust in Jesus?

10. If I felt like asking someone else what I should do when I'm frightened or unsure, what should I do instead?

11. What did Jesus say is the only way to the father? (John 14:6)
(The answer to this question will be your memory verse)

MEMORY VERSE _____

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1. Who is the only one who can lead us to God? Jesus.
2. Why? (John 14:6) Because no one comes to the Father but by Jesus.
3. What does guidance require? A destination.
4. What is our ultimate destination?
To be seated in heavenly places with Christ.
5. What must we do to be a follower of Christ?
Present our bodies as a living sacrifice.
6. What else is required? Trust.
7. What will not go with me to heaven? My body.
8. What will go with me? My spirit and soul.
9. How can I build my faith to trust in Jesus?
Through the daily discipline of prayer, worship and reading God’s Word.
10. If I feel like asking someone else what I should do when I’m frightened or unsure, what should I do instead?
Wait for the answer for God.
11. What did Jesus say is the only way to the Father? (John 14:6)
MEMORY VERSE “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; No one comes to the Father but by Me.”