

Follow Me *Two Words That Changed Everything*

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There is a call from Jesus that is so simple, yet so profound. It's an invitation to a life that is far better than the life most people live, and it's only two words... **"Follow Me"**.

Jesus said "follow me" thirteen times in the Gospels and in the context of preaching repentance and the gospel, the good news, Jesus used these two words to call many people to follow Him.

- Peter, Andrew, James, and John (Matthew 4:18-22) - Phillip and Nathanael (John 1:43)
- The Rich Young Ruler (Mark 10:21) - Levi, the Tax Collector (Luke 5:27-28)

The Resurrection Makes These Two Words Significant and Powerful! 1 Corinthians 15:3-17

The Call to _____

Jesus wanted his disciples, and us as well, to know that the call to "Follow Me" has not come to an end.

_____ or _____ **Do We Follow Now?** John 21:1-5

Three _____

Memory Reminder One: John 21:7

Memory Reminder Two: John 21:8

Memory Reminder Three: John 21:10-11

Guilty But No _____

Peter standing by the coal of fires, GUILTY! And not a word spoken. Jesus and Peter are standing face to face both knowing. *And not a word of condemnation spoken!*

Do You Love Me? John 21:12-17

What occurs next is a conversation between Jesus and Peter where Jesus forgives and restores him.

- Three different times Jesus would ask Peter, "Do you love me."
- Twice Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him with agape love, God's kind of unconditional love. Twice Peter answered that he loved the Lord with phileo – brotherly love and kindness.
 - The third time Jesus asked Peter, "Do you even love me with phileo love?"

Each time Peter answered Jesus, Jesus would restore Peter's calling and purpose. Telling Peter to "feed my lambs" and "take care of my sheep".

The three questions offset Peter's three failures, denials of Jesus.

Then Jesus said to Peter the Two Words That Change Everything.

Follow Me John 21:18-19

And the promise is still there. If you follow me, I will make you a fisher of Men, not fish. (Matthew 4:18-22)
The difference now is that Peter can follow Jesus enabled by Jesus' resurrection power!

_____ **Follow Me!** John 21:21-22

Maybe today you are thinking, I use to follow Jesus. I had a call on my life, and I use to really serve Him **BUT...**

If Jesus was standing right in front of you today, He would ask you the same question He asked Peter.

"Do you love me?"

And then he would charge you with the two words that change everything, **"Follow Me."**

The _____ to Those Who Will _____ to Follow John 8:12

What do you choose to do? Follow others, your own way, or follow Jesus?

Bold Next Steps

- For the first time, I choose to follow Jesus today.
- I will daily make a conscious choice to follow Jesus.
- I will commit to hear each teaching in this series to really understand what it means to follow Jesus.

Answers: Follow – Me / Who – What / Memory – Reminders / Condemnation / You – Must / Promise - Choose