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INTRODUCTION:

WITH THE RISE OF SOCIAL MEDIA, there is no question that the world around us is infatuated with "influencers" and gaining more "followers." People seem to forget you become like those you follow. When left unchecked, they end up reflecting the darkness of their leader.

However, if you believe Jesus is your Lord and Savior, then you are called His disciple. What is a disciple? Though sometimes thought of as a "super Saint" or an "elite Christian," the term disciple simply means "follower." In other words, your salvation makes you a follower of Jesus, reflecting His light in a world of darkness.

In the New Testament, the first four books (the Gospels) are filled with instructions, encouragements and challenges for those who follow Jesus. Over the next 30 days, you have an opportunity to explore those words. Each day consists of four devotional elements:

- 1. A few verses centered on what it means to follow Jesus
- 2. A devotional thought based on the verses for the day
- 3. A reflection question
- 4. A short prayer

Our hope is that as you read each of these passages, you would better understand the Jesus you follow and His call on your life. Following Jesus isn't easy, but following Jesus is the only life worth living, so "Let's Go!"

DAY ONE: JOHN 1:26-27, 29

"I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie...." The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

DO YOU REMEMBER playing "follow the leader" as a kid? No matter the path, you tried your best to stick as close to the leader as possible while copying their every move. In many ways, this is the calling of every Christian: to walk as close to Jesus as possible, imitating His life through the power of the Spirit. Jesus is no ordinary leader - He is the Savior of the world. He has always been and will forever be the Creator and Redeemer of all things and therefore, He alone deserves your following.

Do you follow the one who is worthy to lead you?

PRAY: Lord, You are the only one worth following. Amid the distractions of this life, teach me to follow You with my whole heart.

DAY TWO: JOHN 6:35

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

WHEN NATIONS PUT THEIR HOPE IN A LEADER, they look to someone who will help them prosper as a people. A bad leader cares only about themselves at the neglect of the people. A good leader is aware of the needs of the people and guides them for their good. As Jesus leads, He promises that all who come and follow Him, all who live in His Kingdom, will have everything they need for an abundant life. When you follow Jesus, He will fill you up and satisfy all that you need.

Do you follow the only one who can satisfy your every need?

PRAY: Lord, thank You for promising a path to life. Remind me that You are the only one who can give me what I truly need.

DAY THREE: MATTHEW 4:18-20

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

THE TERM "DISCIPLE" is not reserved for elite Christians but is the title of every Christian. If you follow Jesus, then you are His disciple. Therefore, just as Jesus called His disciples, He is demanding that you come, drop everything you think is important and worthwhile and follow Him. As a result, Jesus will use you to help bring more people to Him. You can either stick to your lifestyle or follow His, but there's no way to do both.

What is holding you back from fully following Him?

PRAY: Lord, help me hear and respond to Your call to follow You so that I can be used by You to "fish for people."

DAY FOUR: MARK 8:34-37

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"

CULTURE IS CONSTANTLY SHOUTING, "follow your heart!" However, Scripture clearly states that your heart is the very thing that will lead to your destruction (Jeremiah 17:5–9). Without the transforming work of Jesus, you are a selfish sinner who will do everything you can to "gain the world." What good is that if you lose your soul in the end? Instead, Jesus says to have life, you must lose it. In other words, following Jesus is a constant act of putting away selfish pursuits and living according to His Word, no matter the cost.

Are you gaining the world or following Jesus?

PRAY: Lord, forgive me for trying to follow my own plans and trying to love the things of this world more than You. Give me the strength to follow You, no matter the cost.

DAY FIVE: MARK 12:28b-31

"...Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

THERE IS NO GREATER CALLING ON YOUR LIFE than to love God and love people. You love God by believing in His Son Jesus and following Him with every part of your life. You love people by living selflessly and following the example of Jesus so that more may come to know Him as Lord. The Bible leaves no room for you to love God and others while keeping a "side hustle" of selfishness. As you follow Jesus, remember that He demands your devotion and love because He alone is worthy of it.

Would others say you love God and people?

PRAY: Lord, as I follow You, lead me to a better life of loving You and those around me.

DAY SIX: LUKE 6:43-45

No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briers. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

YOUR LIFE is the fruit of whatever is in your heart. If the world saturates your heart, then your thoughts, words and actions will be worldly. If Jesus saturates your heart, then all that you do will be focused on worshiping and obeying Him. To follow Jesus is to be rooted and connected to Jesus so that your words and actions are God-honoring.

What kind of fruit do you produce?

PRAY: Lord, evaluate my thoughts, words and actions and prune me so that I may live in a way that honors You.

DAY SEVEN: LUKE 9:57-62

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

JESUS IS NOT AGAINST HOMES OR FAMILIES. Rather, each of these individuals highlights a different excuse for not immediately following Jesus. There will never be a good enough excuse to justify delayed obedience. Following Jesus is not a call to a life of personal ease, prosperity and luxury. Following Jesus is an abrupt and continual call to deny yourself, pick up your cross and do what He says.

What excuses are stopping you from obeying Jesus?

PRAY: Lord, forgive me for my excuses and give me the strength to follow Your ways right now.

DAY EIGHT: JOHN 3:30

He must become greater; I must become less.

WHEN JOHN THE BAPTIST HEARD that Jesus was gaining more followers than he was, he didn't get mad, frustrated or depressed. Instead, he was overjoyed because he fulfilled his mission: point people to Jesus. Following Jesus means that in every season of life, your goal is to make much of your Leader. All of your pursuits and endeavors mean nothing if they exist to make much of you. For He must become greater and you must become less.

Do you live for your glory or His?

PRAY: Lord, let my life point people to You.

DAY NINE: LUKE 12:31-34

But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

part of the enemy's tactic in your life is to get you to take your eyes off your Leader and become overwhelmed by worldly needs, wants and wishes. In those moments, your desire to be your own provision and comfort are the outworking of a lack of faith. Jesus commands you to focus on Him, and in return, you will have all you ever need. Following Jesus is being content in whatever the circumstances, for you know that He is the only Treasure worth pursuing.

Do you trust Jesus to provide for you?

PRAY: Lord, remind me that all the stuff of this world will fade, but You are my Treasure.

DAY TEN: MARK 10:21-22

Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

JESUS KNEW that worldly riches had this man's heart. Jesus says a few verses later that it's harder for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God than it is for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle (Mark 10:25). Why? When the world is your treasure, Jesus can't be your treasure. Your things and your stuff will never give you what your soul longs for. As you follow Jesus, understand that everything you have comes from His hand and none of it should stand in the way of you walking with Him.

If Jesus said the same thing to you, how would you respond?

PRAY: Lord, thank You for everything I have. But convict me when any of it stands in the way of following You.

DAY ELEVEN: JOHN 15:4-5

Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

EVERY ACT OF SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE is for the purpose of abiding, following, keeping in step with and staying connected to Jesus. What are spiritual disciplines? Praying, reading the Bible, serving, worshipping, obeying and the like are all exercises you can do to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus. These acts don't save you! These practices help you remain in Jesus so that you will produce the fruit of godliness.

Are spiritual disciplines a priority in your life?

PRAY: Lord, teach me how to remain in You so that I may produce fruit that honors You.

DAY TWELVE: LUKE 11:9-10

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

JESUS WILL CALL YOU TO FOLLOW HIM to places where, in your own strength, you can't go. However, He is always faithful to equip you in those circumstances when you ask, seek and knock for His guidance. Prayer is the best tool for the follower of Jesus. Ask the Lord to show you His will. Seek His will through His Word, Spirit and people. Knock on every opportunity that comes your way. In return, He will answer, reveal and open those doors so that He alone is glorified as you take the next step of obedience.

As you follow Jesus, is prayer a priority?

PRAY: Lord, remind me that I can't follow You without Your equipping.

DAY THIRTEEN: MATTHEW 5:43-45a

You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.

THE WORLD SAYS you should love those who are nice to you and those who love you back. On the flip side, they say that if anyone is mean to you, you should cut them off. The love the world promotes is conditional and selfish. Jesus calls every one of His followers to love in a way that doesn't make sense in the world. In doing so, you have the opportunity to model His love, grace and forgiveness to a lost and dying world.

Is your love for others conditional?

PRAY: Lord, show me how to love like You have loved me.

DAY FOURTEEN: MATTHEW 9:10-13

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

JESUS IS NOT SIMPLY CONCERNED about external actions of His followers. He is concerned about the condition of their heart. True, those who remain in Jesus will produce fruits of righteousness. However, self-glorifying actions are not Godly actions. Jesus calls His followers to move beyond the façade of righteousness and into a life of right living only found in Him. Those sinners who recognize their need and dependence on His work and pursue a relationship with Him are those who experience His life.

Do your actions glorify you or Jesus?

PRAY: Lord, humble me so that I recognize my dependence on Your grace and live according to Your mercy at work in my life.

DAY FIFTEEN: MARK 10:43b-45

...Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

JESUS, THE SON OF GOD, humbled Himself, took on flesh and served all of humanity by dying on the cross (Philippians 2:5–11). Kings are expected to have servants, but the King of kings and the Lord of lords served and gave His life so that many may have life in Him. Followers mimic the actions of their leader. Life is not about you. You are called to humble yourself and serve those around you so that the great Servant would be worshipped through your service.

Are you more likely to serve or be served?

PRAY: Lord, show me all the ways I can serve those around me, as I imitate Your humility.

DAY SIXTEEN: JOHN 13:14-15

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

IN YOUR SIN, you naturally seek to serve your needs and wants before everyone else. But Jesus set the ultimate example for His people. Though Jesus' disciples were not worthy to untie His sandals, He washed their feet. At no point should you be too good or too important not to follow His model of service to those around you. You have multiple opportunities a day to humble yourself and imitate King Jesus. Be aware of the needs around you and serve like Jesus

Do you serve like Jesus?

PRAY: Lord, show me where I can serve today so that Your love is displayed through me.

DAY SEVENTEEN: LUKE 12:35-37a

Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes.

JESUS CALLS YOU to a life of active waiting. This is not the kind of waiting where you sit back and laze about, doing your own thing. Waiting on Jesus is about patient endurance, doing the work He has set before you, while simultaneously eagerly expecting His return at any moment. The enemy wants to convince you that your waiting is worthless, but Jesus reminds His people that your active waiting reflects your devotion to Him.

If Jesus returned today, would He find you actively waiting for Him?

PRAY: Lord, give me patience and strength to actively serve You well while I wait on Your return.

DAY EIGHTEEN: LUKE 10:2-3

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves."

THERE ARE PEOPLE YOU INTERACT WITH every day who are ready to call upon Jesus to be saved. But as Paul says, "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'" (Romans 10:14–15). Though the world is harsh, there are many in it who are ripe for harvest. You are called to go share Jesus regardless of their response.

How often do you "go" and share Jesus with those around you?

PRAY: Lord, give me confidence and boldness to go into a land of wolves and help gather Your harvest.

DAY NINETEEN: MATTHEW 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

ALL THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE, light is used to describe the work of God. Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). As Jesus stands as the Light of Truth, following Jesus means you carry His light with you wherever you go. To walk in your own ways is to hide His light in you. The world is filled with darkness, evil and sin. You are called to walk as a lighthouse so that all may come to be exposed by His truth and worship Him as the only true salvation.

Do others see the light of Jesus in you?

PRAY: Lord, show me where I can shine Your light so that all those I interact with may see You.

DAY TWENTY: MATTHEW 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

AFTER THE RESURRECTION and right before His ascension, Jesus gave one final command to His followers: "Make disciples!" If you follow Jesus, you are called to help others follow Jesus. How do you do this? Live as a light of Jesus and guide others to respond in faith and baptism. Then, as they respond, walk alongside them with Jesus' teachings, modeling for them and encouraging them to worship Him with their lives. And when should you do this? As you are going! There is no better time and place to make disciples than where the Lord has you right now.

Do you embrace your call to be a disciple who makes disciples?

PRAY: Lord, open my eyes to the people around me who need You. Give me wisdom, boldness and strength to go and make disciples of all nations.

DAY TWENTY-ONE: JOHN 13:34-35

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

JESUS LOVED HIS PEOPLE so much that He gave up everything for them. It is with this kind of love Jesus says to His followers, "Love one another just as I have loved you." It is easy to make excuses for not loving someone else. You may say you don't have time to love them well. You may say they don't deserve your love because of the things they've done. But Jesus made time to love you, even when you didn't deserve it. You don't love others like Jesus for your glory, but for His. Every time you love someone with His love, you show them a glimpse of the One you follow.

Do others know you follow Jesus by the way you love them?

PRAY: Lord, thank You for loving me, even when I am unlovable. Remind me that my love for others is a direct reflection of Your love for me.

DAY TWENTY-TWO: JOHN 17:20-21

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

IN THE MIDDLE OF JESUS PRAYING for His future followers, He prays that they would be unified in Him. Jesus prays that they would have one heart, one mind, one mission and one goal: to live a life worthy of the salvation they have received. Unfortunately, the church is often known for their squabbles and differences. But as a follower of Jesus your call is to link arms with your brothers and sisters in Christ so that people would see this singular, wonderful message: Jesus saves!

Are your relationships with other believers marked by His unity?

PRAY: Lord, help me join together with other followers of Jesus so that together, we represent You well.

DAY TWENTY-THREE: MARK 12:41-44

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

THE WORLD CLAIMS that the rich and popular are the only ones who can make an impact. However, God uses the poor, needy and the broken to magnify His name throughout the world. No matter what you have, Jesus wants your everything. The amount you can give isn't near as important as the heart of faith and trust behind your giving. As a follower of Jesus, you're not disqualified because you don't have a lot to give, you're qualified because you give all that you have.

Do you give Jesus your all?

PRAY: Lord, teach me to trust You and give You everything I have so that You would be worshiped in whatever I have to give.

DAY TWENTY-FOUR: LUKE 12:1b-3

...Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.

ONE OF THE GREATEST TEMPTATIONS for a believer is becoming a hypocritical Christian who says they follow Jesus and judge others who live contrary to God's standards, but then fail to live according to Jesus' ways themselves. Your actions flow from your heart. Everything you do and say will be brought into the light of truth. Don't simply be concerned about what you do, be concerned about who you are becoming. Jesus wants to transform you from the inside, out.

Do your words and actions match your belief in Jesus?

PRAY: Lord, forgive me for my hypocrisy. Transform my heart into Your image so that my life matches my faith.

DAY TWENTY-FIVE: LUKE 20:45-47

While all the people were listening, Jesus said to his disciples, "Beware of the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely."

EVERYTHING IN YOUR FLESH desires the praise and recognition of others, but this kind of selfish living is the exact opposite of the way of Jesus. When you follow Him, you follow His example. Jesus deserved praise. Jesus deserved honor. Jesus deserved respect. But Jesus chose to humble Himself and give His life for the salvation of many. You are not better than Jesus. You are called to model His humility and do everything you can to give glory and worship to the only One who deserves it.

Do you live to highlight yourself or Jesus?

PRAY: Lord, convict me of all the ways I try to gain the praise of others and show me how to make much of Your name with my life.

DAY TWENTY-SIX: JOHN 15:18-19

If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

THOSE WHO FOLLOW THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS hate the light. You shouldn't be surprised when the world hates you. In fact, you should evaluate your life if the unbelieving world around you accepts you like one of their own. Any ounce of Christian belief or ethic runs totally against the enemy's agenda to subvert the authority of Jesus. So, as His ambassador, they're opposed to you because they oppose Him. Don't take it personally. Respond the way Jesus did and love them with your life.

How do you respond in the face of worldly opposition?

PRAY: Lord, give me the strength to represent You well, even when the world hates me.

DAY TWENTY-SEVEN: LUKE 12:8-9

I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God.

PEOPLE AROUND YOU should know you follow Jesus. You're not an undercover agent on a covert mission to hide your true identity as a Christian. You are an ambassador and citizen of God's kingdom, commanded to go and represent Christ to the nations. Paul says, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God to bring salvation!" (Romans 1:16–17). If you believe this, then walk as though every scenario is an opportunity to unashamedly champion His name.

Are you ashamed of Jesus?

PRAY: Lord, give me the strength to a live a life that is totally unashamed of You.

DAY TWENTY-EIGHT: MATTHEW 24:9-14

You will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

JESUS PROPHESIED that after He left, His followers would experience incredible persecution. Amid this suffering, Jesus said that some would prove to be false followers because they would turn away from Him in the face of resistance. However, Jesus offered an incredible comfort to His true followers by adding that those who persevere, prove their faith by their loyalty. This remains true. God promises to cast His Gospel message to the ends of the earth. In the meantime, expect challenges and stay faithful to Him.

Where is God calling you to be faithful in the face of resistance?

PRAY: Lord, fill me with Your power so that I may display my faith in You through faithfulness to You.

DAY TWENTY-NINE: JOHN 6:66-69

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

PETER'S RESPONSE TO JESUS should serve as an encouragement and challenge for every believer. There is no better life than a life of following Jesus. The enemy will try to convince you that other ways are more joy-filled or that other paths will satisfy your soul. These are lies that will only lead to your destruction. Every work of the Lord to bring His people salvation comes to its fullness in Christ. Following Jesus is hard, but following Jesus is the only life worth living.

Do you believe following Jesus is the only life worth living?

PRAY: Lord, remind me that You are my strength and only following You leads to life.

DAY THIRTY: LUKE 17:7-10

Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'

AS YOU CLOSE THIS STUDY, these verses serve as a final reminder that you are called to serve Jesus with your whole life. Your duty is to follow His lead so that He is honored, for you are an unworthy servant of the Most High God. The Christian life is not self-serving. Following Jesus means that you live to serve King Jesus. In the end, your great hope is for the Lord to look at you and say, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" (Matthew 25:23).

Do you live to serve Jesus?

PRAY: Lord, teach me to follow and serve You all of my days.



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