

God's Will For Us to Follow Him

Thy Will Be Done - Week 9 (7-26-23)

Matt. 16:24-25

- Follow = Be in the same way with, accompany, follow, reach

I. Complete Surrender

- A. Jesus wants us to do more than just claim one time that we want Him in our heart. He wants us to actually follow Him. Completely; no reservation; no questions asked; wherever He happens to be going.
 - 1. Follow assumes that whatever you happen to be following is moving.
 - a) Following after Jesus never means to be stale and complacent. There is always progress; always growth; new levels of intimacy; new levels of surrender and self-sacrifice.
- B. Jon White - The disciples responded to the call to follow Jesus in two ways:
 - 1. Instantly
 - 2. Completely
- C. We cannot serve two masters!
 - 1. Matt. 6:24
 - a) Notice there is not an option to not have a master.
 - (1) We have the freedom to choose what will rule us, but we will ALWAYS be mastered by something.
- D. It's not Your life anymore
 - 1. 2 Corin. 5:14-15
 - 2. Romans 6:11
 - a) The Road to life is first death...

II. Count the Cost

- A. Luke 14:25-35
- B. Mark 10:29-31
- C. Romans 8:16-18 - Not worthy to be compared
 - 1. The price that we pay in this life is an investment for the riches and glory and honor of the next life.
 - 2. God's grace does give us all free access to His presence in heaven for eternity, BUT what we do with that grace determines what rewards we get while we are in heaven
 - 3. 2 Timothy 2:15-26 aslo - AMP
 - a) We must be willing to purge ourselves in order to be fit for the Master's use.

III. Good Stewards

- A. Stewardship = the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.
- B. Colossians 3:17-24 - What ever you do in word or deed
- C. 1 Peter 2:9-17
- D. We need to be living and conducting our lives with a spirit of excellence!

1. Gen. 41:37-41
2. Exodus 31:1-5
3. Numbers 14:20-24
4. Ruth 3:11
5. Daniel 5:12