

FOLLOW ME PART 7

“SERVICE – SAY YES”

SCRIPTURE: MARK 10:35–45; JOHN 13:12–17;

EPHESIANS 2:4-9; MATTHEW 5:14-16

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INTRODUCTION

- Be with Jesus, Become Like Jesus, Do what Jesus Did.
- Following Jesus is to adopt His way of life.
- Practices: Sabbath, Prayer, Fasting, Solitude, Scripture
- Being with Jesus should lead us to doing what He did, even the uncomfortable stuff.

I. REDEFINING GREATNESS

- Mark 10:35-42 NLT, Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee... “Teacher,”... “we want to sit in places of honor next to you...”
- Mark 10:43-45 NLT, “But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant...⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.”
- For Jesus, greatness is not progress up the ladder; it’s willingness to climb down it.
- Serving others breaks the illusion that life revolves around us and reorients our hearts toward others.

II. Radical Humility

- Hours before the cross, Jesus performs a disorienting act of service: He kneels and washes feet.
- John 13:15, “...¹⁵ I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you...”
- Jesus’ posture toward life was to Serve:
 - Before He spoke
 - Before we deserve it
 - Before we understand it
 - Before we chose to follow Him. He Gave.
- Serving is the rhythm of Jesus’ life and ministry.

III. MADE FOR IT

- Ephesians 2:4–9, “...⁶ For He raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus...⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.”
- Vs. 10 - “For we are God’s masterpiece, created anew in Christ Jesus so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.”
- Service is not optional — it is fundamental.
- Service is not what wins God’s approval — it reveals God’s approval of us and others.
- Service is not something we add to the way of Jesus — it is the way of Jesus.
- We serve because we are being made new.
- Service flows from our identity in Jesus, not insecurity.

IV. WITNESS

- When we’re with Jesus...in solitude, silence, prayer, fasting, community, and financial generosity, the result is Good Work.
- Matthew 5:14–16, “You are the light of the world...let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”
- “Good deeds” are acts of service - tangible expressions of the Kingdom.
- Serving is our tangible, often wordless, witness to the world.
- Serving others makes the invisible God visible to a hurting world.

CLOSE

- Philippians 2:2-4, “...⁴ Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.”
- Philippians 2:5–7 NLT, “You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had...When He appeared in human form, ⁸ He humbled Himself in obedience to God...”