FOLLOWING CHRIST (STAYING FIT FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD) Luke 9:57-62









"The Gospelof Luke"

Luke 1–18 : Seek the Lost Luke 19–24 : Save the Lost For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. >> Luke 19:10 (KJV)

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FOLLOW JESUS?





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And a scribe came up and said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."

Matthew 8:19



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Are you willing to pay the price?



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Luke 9:59–60

But Jesus told him, "Let the (spiritually dead) bury their own dead! Your duty is to go and preach about the Kingdom of God." Luke 9:60 NLT Jesus refused. "First things first. Your business is life, not death. And life is urgent: Announce God's kingdom!"

Luke 9:60 (MSG)



What's important to you?

What are the priorities that you need to set/ reset?

POSTURE TO TAKE



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1 Kings 19:19-21

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T Have Decided to Follow Jesus

NO TURNING BACK

PRIVILEGE

TO SERVE

It never cost a disciple anything to follow Jesus; to talk about cost when you are in love with anyone is an insult.

Oswald Chambers

IS **APOSTLE PAUL**

TO TO DIE IS **CHRIST GAIN**

Price Priority Posture

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ² And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Luke 10:1-2

Are you still looking back?

GLADYS AYLWARD



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"I wasn't God's first choice! I don't know who it was. Maybe someone smarter, more good-looking, more obedient, more capable, better with words. I also don't know what happened. Maybe the person was not willing." "Oh God, here's my Bible. Here's my money. Here's me. Use me, God." And God looked down and saw me and He said, "She is willing – use her." **Gladys Aylward**



Price to pay
 Priority to set
 Posture to take
 Privilege to serve

Let's

