

“Follow Jesus Part 2”
Mark 1:14-20
2/11/24
Message 3

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “Follow Jesus Part 2”

- **A Pastors Heart**

- **Our subject the last time we were in Mark**
 - Follow Jesus –
 - It is the same subject this morning – Part 2
- **I Need to Share my Pastoral heart with you all**
 - 1st Let me start by saying

- **This concern is FOR the Whole Body of Christ**

- I am not mad at anyone
 - I don't have anyone in particular in my mind
 - I am not pointing anyone out
 - I am not meddling
 - I am not trying to bum you out
 - I LOVE ALL OF YOU and THANK GOD I can be your pastor

- **I don't speak from a place of being perfect**

- But I do need to share this with you and anyone who will listen

- **2nd God made me a pastor**

- He gave me a Pastors heart
- My job
 - FEED HIS SHEEP
 - CARE for His Sheep
 - Be Concerned for His Sheep
- So - I need to
 - Teach God's Word
 - Pray for you all
 - Comfort
 - Encourage
 - Warn
 - Exhort

- Like a Watchmen on the wall

- **My Hearts Concern when it comes to Following Jesus**

- There is confusion in the modern church as to what it means to follow Jesus
 - In many ways it has always been the same
 - Some Christians are
 - Just happy with God being Apart of their lives and not their whole life
 - Happy with One Foot In and One Foot Out

- They have become Consumers
 - That we can come and go from church
 - Like we come and go from a store with no attachment
 - So much of the modern church has become consumers 😞
- My Heart
 - Is that all would hear my voice the heart God gave me
 - Would TAKE their walks with Jesus VERY Serious
 - I know we will never be perfect on this side of heaven
 - Please Ask The Questions are we really seeking to FOLLOW JESUS?!
 - Like He is calling us to?!
 - With our whole hearts
 - Asking Him to Take complete control of our lives
 - Leaving behind carnal pursuits
 - Desiring for Greater Growth each and everyday
 - As I have said many times
 - This life is not a dress rehearsal

- This is the real deal and what we do here will affect how we live in heaven
- We are going to end this service with Communion
- Celebrate what Christ has done for us
- He does call us to Examine our heart before Him
- Lets do this today

○ **Last Time – Follow Jesus Part 1**

- We Looked at Follow Jesus

- **In His Act Of Baptism vs. 9-11**

- 1st It was an act of Obedience
- 2nd Identifying Himself with sinners.
 - To “Fulfill All Righteousness (Matt. 3:15)
 - Christ was Baptized – SO SHOULD WE
- 3rd It pictured His Death and Resurrection (Luke 12:50)
- 4th It was a public affirmation from Heaven of His Messiahship
- 5th We need to be baptized

- **In The Attempt Of Satan to Hinder Him vs. 12-13**

- Satan tempted Jesus with the same things he tempts us with

1 John 2:16 (NKJV)

16 *For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.*

- Lust of the Flesh
- Lust of the Eyes
- Pride of Life
- Jesus is Our Example in Fighting Temptation
 - He Conquered Temptation with the Word of God
 - It IS WRITTEN

• **Now This Morning - We will Look at the last 2 Powerful Truths About Following Jesus**

- In His **Allegiance** In Preaching The Gospel vs. 14-15
- In **Answering** His Call To Be Fishers of Men vs. 16-20

In His Allegiance In Preaching The Gospel vs. 14-15

• **First: Now after John was put in prison v. 14a**

Mark 1:14 (NKJV)

14 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

- **Now After John was put in Prison**
 - **Almost like an after thought**
 - So casual
 - This is very interesting to me
 - **Why was JTB put into Prison**
 - For Rebuking Herod Antipas

- Over his incestuous marriage to his niece, Herodias
- Luke Tells us that
 - JTB begin to doubt if Jesus was Messiah (Luke 7:18-28)
- JTB Would later be beheaded
- **Application**
 - 1st It okay to Stand for RIGHTEOUSNESS in the PUBLIC Square
 - We need to get rid of the idea that being a Christian means I never offend anyone
 - NOTE
 - We never set out to offend
 - BUT we will at time be called to make a public stand for God Righteousness and this will create hostility
 - 2nd Standing for RIGHTEOUSNESS in the Public Square cost JTB his life
 - Maybe that why so many pulpits and churches are silent in the FACE OF EVIL in our world
 - The Pulpits MUST speak out – With Love

• **Second: What Jesus did in His ministry vs. 14b-15**

- **1st Jesus came to Galilee v. 14b**

Mark 1:14 (NKJV)

14 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

- **Jesus Came to Galilee**

- Mark, Matthew and Luke
 - Passes directly from the temptation
 - To the beginning of the Galilean ministry
 - They Skipped Jesus' ministry in Judea
 - Which ONLY John covers (John 2:13–4:4).
- Location - In northern part of Israel

- **Show Map**

- NOTE - A lot of ministry takes place here
 - Sermon on the Mount
 - Bread of life discourse
 - 25 out of 37 recorded miracles happened in the Galilee region.
 - Jesus is Busy Teaching and Doing Miracles

- **Preaching the Gospel of the kingdom of God**

- Most people wanted a Political Kingdom
 - That would replace the oppressive occupation of the Romans.
- Jesus Brought the GOOD NEWS
 - That Jesus was reconciling us to the Father

- Our greatest need was forgiveness of our sins – Salvation
- Jesus will come the Next Time
 - To RULE & REIGN
- 2nd Saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand” v. 15

Mark 1:15 (NKJV)

15 and saying, *“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”*

▪ **His Message**

- Repent, and Believe in the gospel
 - Same Message as JTB
- **Repent Means: CHANGE OF MIND**
 - Repent - Greek: Metanoia –
 - Means:
 - To Change My mind about
 - My life
 - My sin in my life
 - The paths that I’m on
 - To get off that path and turn to the Lord and walk on His path
 - CHANGE OF DIRECTION

- That means a change in my conduct & lifestyle
 - That means a change in my emotions and how I respond
- Genuine Followers of Jesus will NEVER be perfect ON EARTH
 - BUT there will be a lifestyle change
 - A Turning from the Old to The New
 - A desire to be like Jesus
 - Not just add Jesus to your life BUT allow Jesus to transform your life – Day by Day
- **True Repentance is Seen in**
 - 1st God & His Word
 - You believe that God is who He says He is
 - That the Bible is His Word
 - Inspired
 - Infallible
 - You don't TRY and Change the Bible to fit your life
 - You ALLOW the Bible to Change your life
 - 2nd How we See SIN
 - You realize that what God said is SIN, is SIN
 - 3rd In Mourning Over SIN

- A DEEP Mourning that leads to TRUE Repentance – which then leads to Great service for God
- 4th In Lifestyle
 - There will be a changes in our lives
- 5th Summed Up In Psalm 51
- Repentance Brings Me Close to Grace v. 1a

Psalm 51:1 (NKJV)

1 Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.

- David's Sin where capital offenses
 - Adultery and Murder
 - NO forgiveness can be expected!!!!!!
 - David Knows he needs the GRACE of GOD

- 2nd Repentance Brings a Fresh Desire to Live a Pure Life vs. 1b, 2, & 7

Psalm 51:1 (NKJV)

1 Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.

Psalm 51:2 (NKJV)

2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.

Psalm 51:7 (NKJV)

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

- 1st David knows that he cannot go on without forgiveness!

- How can he continue with this sin hanging over his head!
- **So David Asks God**
 - **1st To Blot Out**
 - Is an accounting term...
 - David owes a debt he cannot pay so he asks God to Blot it out remove it!
 - **2nd To be Washed and Cleansed!**
 - Take the Stain of my SIN AWAY
 - I can't clean myself
 - It needs to come from God – His precious Son's Blood
 - When you came to Christ
 - Did you NOT FEEL brand NEW
 - **3rd PURGED with HYSSOP:**
 - Bunches of hyssop were used to for
 - The purification of lepers (Lev. 14:4, 6)
 - For plague (Lev. 14:49-52)
 - Catch This - To sprinkle blood on the doorpost in Egypt
 - What HYSSOP implies is the applying of blood!

- When we apply the blood of Jesus we are cleansed!

- **3rd Repentance Allows Us to Admit that We are Wrong v. 3a**

Psalm 51:3 (NKJV)

3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me.

- **For I acknowledge my Transgressions**

- **4th Repentance Brings a Deep Regret for Our Sin v. 3b**

Psalm 51:3 (NKJV)

3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me.

- **“And my sin is always before me”**

- **5th Repentance Produces a Concern for God’s Reputation v. 4a**

Psalm 51:4 (NKJV)

4 Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.

- **Against You, You only have I sinned!**
 - That is not to say his sin did not affect others it did, it is to say that all sin is a sin against God first!

- **6th Repentance Brings Humility to Call Sin, Sin! V. 4b**

Psalm 51:4 (NKJV)

4 Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.

- **Have I sinned and done this evil in your sight!**
 - David is not politically correct here?

- He calls SIN / SIN and he even calls it evil!

- **7th Repentance Produces a Responsibility for My Sin v. 4c**

Psalm 51:4 (NKJV)

4 Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.

- **“Just when You speak”**

- Noticed that David was not blaming God for his sin,
 - “Like God why did you allow me to see Bathsheba! Was not blaming Bathsheba!
 - Or Blaming his OTHERS “servants”!

- David takes full responsibility!

- **Notice - The I, ME, and MY, in this chapter**

- 34 times if I have counted right!

- **8th Repentance Brings a Healthy Disgust for My Flesh v. 5**

Psalm 51:5 (NKJV)

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

- **1st Conceived in SIN**

- Doctrine of original sin!

- **9th Repentance Brings Me Back to a Life of Truth in Deepest Part of My Life v. 6a**

Psalm 51:6 (NKJV)

6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.

- You desire TRUTH in the inward parts

- **10th Repentance Brings the Word of God Alive Again v. 6b**

Psalm 51:6 (NKJV)

6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part **You will make me to know wisdom.**

- Make me to know wisdom

- **11th Repentance Brings a Return of Joy and Gladness v. 8**

Psalm 51:8 (NKJV)

8 Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice.

- This verse is a reference to what a shepherd does when a sheep strays.

- **12th Repentance Brings a Sanctified Shame for My Sins v. 9**

Psalm 51:9 (NKJV)

9 Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities.

- Hide your face from my sins!

- **13th Brings a Want for a New Heart v. 10**

Psalm 51:10 (NKJV)

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

- Create in me a clean heart!

- **14th Brings a Fresh Appreciation for the Holy Spirit v. 11**

Psalm 51:11 (NKJV)

11 *Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.*

- **Do not take Your Holy Spirit from me...**

- **15th Brings a Fresh Appreciation for our Salvation v. 12**

Psalm 51:12 (NKJV)

12 *Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.*

- **Restore the joy of Your salvation**

- **16th Brings a Fresh Appreciation for Service v. 13a**

Psalm 51:13 (NKJV)

13 *Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.*

- **Then I will teach transgressors your ways.**

- **17th Brings a Fresh Appreciation for the Lost v. 13b**

Psalm 51:13 (NKJV)

13 *Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.*

- **Sinners converted to you!**

- **18th Brings a Return to Worship and Praise vs. 14-19**

Psalm 51:14–19 (NKJV)

14 *Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.*

15 *O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.*

16 For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart—
These, O God, You will not despise.

18 Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, With burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

- The JOY of worship comes back

In Answering His Call To Be Fishers of Men vs. 16-20

• First: The CALL vs. 16-20

Mark 1:16–20 (NKJV)

16 And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

17 Then Jesus said to them, *“Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”*

18 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

19 When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets.

20 And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.

○ 1st The Calling

▪ NOTE –

- This was NOT the first time Jesus had met this group of men

▪ Different Callings from Matthew & Mark and Luke

- Now at first glance this appears to be the same Account

- BUT it “MAY” be Another Calling?!

▪ Now Bible Scholars don’t agree

- 4 People see an accident –

- All will highlight different aspects of that accident

- But I feel there validity to it a different account

Matthew 4:18–22 (NKJV)

18 And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, **casting a net into the sea;** for they were fishermen.

19 Then He said to them, **“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”**

20 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

21 **Going on from there,** He saw two other brothers, **James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them,**

22 and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

- The differences:

- In Matthew and Mark

- They are in the MIDDLE of fishing

- In Luke

- They are FINISHED and Cleaning nets.

- In Luke

- James and John with them

- In Matthew they are not.

- “Going On From There”

- The Different Callings’

- 1st John 1:35-51

- Did not follow Jesus full time here

- 2nd Matt. 4:18-22 & Mark 1:16-20
 - 2nd Calling
- 3rd Luke 5:1-11
 - 3rd Calling –
 - This happen about a year after John 1
- 4th In John 21:1-8
 - After the Cross
- **2nd For they were Fishermen**
 - Meaning
 - These were Common Men
 - Without theological credentials or status in the world
 - Jesus met them as they labored as common men
 - Jesus chose these disciples not for who they were...
 - But for what Jesus could do through them.
- **3rd Follow Me**
 - **True Christianity is all about - Following Jesus!!!**
 - Christianity is not
 - RELIGION
 - A Theological system, or set of rules
 - A Social Gospel
 - A Social Club

- It's NOT about being Consumer but a Contributor
 - Modern church has taught us to be consumers
- It is about Following Jesus with Everything
 - Listen to what God Says – NOT me but GOD

Luke 9:23–26 (NKJV)

23 Then He said to them all, *"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.*

24 *For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.*

25 *For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?*

26 *For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.*

Romans 12:1–2 (NKJV)

1 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.*

2 *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)

20 *I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

- My Precious Brothers and sisters - Hear my Pastoral Heart
 - Jesus is not just to be a part of our LIFE – He is our life
 - **Show Pic – Our whole life**

- What does this mean – What does this look like

- **JOY**

- **Jesus –**

- We no longer live for ourself – we live for God first
 - His will over mine
 - If ANYTHING hinders this connection with God it needs to GO
- Be in His Word / Prayer As Much as Possible the time
 - Turn OFF the TV
- Be connected with the Body of Christ (Heb 10:25)
 - Make Church a Priority
 - So MANY verses in regards to body life being in church connected to His body
 - For Encouragement, Exhortation Comfort, etc...
 - Let add – CCP is a unique church
 - Not many teaching the OT – only 3 others
 - Hope you will make a commitment to join us or at least watch on line

- These OT studies are very good

- **Others**

- Be a part of the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12)
- Serve – (Mark 10:45)
- Contributor NOT Consumer
- Esteem Others (Phil 2)

Philippians 2:1–4 (NKJV)

- 1*** Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,
- 2*** fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
- 3*** Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.
- 4*** Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

- **You**

- You want to find LIFE
- LOSE your life IN CHRIST

- ***4th I will make you become fishers of men:***

- Jesus said He would make them fishers of men
- To Catch Men Alive – See them come into the Kingdom of God

- **This is EVERYONE'S CALL**

- We are to be out in this world – fishing for souls

- Invite them church -

- 5th The Response – IMMEDIATELY

- Immediately left their nets

- Second: Application – HOW?! - More Detail From The Gospel of Luke 5

- 1st RELY On The Lord's Direction vs. 4-5

Luke 5:1–5 (NKJV)

- 1** So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret,
2 and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets.
3 Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.
4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, *“Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”*
5 But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.”

- Our Understanding is NOT Crucial – TRUST IS
- Our Experience NOT Reliable
- Our Obedience is ESSENTIAL

- God needs Availability - NOT Ability

- 2nd REALIZE What God Can Do vs. 6-7

Luke 5:6–7 (NKJV)

- 6** And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.
7 So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

- We serve a BIG GOD
- He wants to us USE You to BLESS YOU
- **3rd RECOGNIZE The Problem of Unbelief vs. 8-10**

Luke 5:8–10 (NKJV)

8 *When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"*

9 *For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken;*

10 *and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men."*

- Peter was Upset because he questioned the Lord –
 - In the truest since if peter did trust the Lord he never would have questioned Him
- True Encounters with God leave us HUMBLE
- **4th RECOMMIT Yourself To The Lord vs. 11**

Luke 5:11 (NKJV)

11 *So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.*

- Immediately – Forsook ALL
- FOLLOWED

Closing

- Follow Jesus
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Communion

- First: Remember (Looking Back at what Jesus did)
- Second: Repent / Reflect (Looking Within) 1 Cor. 11:27-28
- Third: Rejoice (Looking Forward) 1 Cor. 11:26
- Fourth: Reconcile (Looking Around) 1 Cor. 11:29, 33-34

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NKJV)

23 *For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;*

24 *and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”*

25 *In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

26 *For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.*