

First Words:

The Picture with Jesus

**Luke 5:8–11** - But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” <sup>11</sup> And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

The central truth we find in this story is that Peter is amazed at the miracle of the catch of fish performed by Jesus. He falls at Jesus feet he is told not to be afraid because from now on they shall catch fish. Arriving at the shoreline they all leave all and follow Jesus.

Assumption

- Believer = Disciple = Christian - These are not three different classes of Christ-followers but three synonymous terms for Christ-followers.

The Pattern of Jesus

1. Like Jesus we need to use our temptations to obey God – **Luke 4:1-12**
2. Like Jesus we need to use our temple to be empowered by God – **Luke 4:14**
3. Like Jesus we need to use our time to serve God – **Luke 4:42-44**
4. Like Jesus we need to use our trials to trust God – **Luke 22:39-46**
5. Like Jesus we need to use our trespassers to imitate God – **Luke 23:32-38**

The Prescription from Jesus

**Luke 5:27-28** - After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>28</sup> And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.

**Luke 9:23–25** - And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. <sup>25</sup> For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?

**Luke 14:26-27** - “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

The Parables of Jesus

Construction - **Luke 14:28-30** - For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’

Military – **Luke 14:31-32** - Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.

Emphasis - **Luke 14:33** - *So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.*

Simon of Cyrene - **Luke 23:26** - *And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus.*

The Practices for Jesus

- 1. I need to make sure I have made a life-altering commitment to follow Jesus Christ, trusting wholly on His death on the cross and resurrection for my salvation
- 2. I need to evaluate how intense my love for Jesus Christ is.
- 3. I need to have as my goal to be like Jesus Christ. I need to measure the success of my Christian life by the answer to the question “How much am I like Jesus?”

- 4. I need to follow my Lord, clearly understanding what He is expecting of me.

The Ponderings about Jesus

How does the average American Christian see following Christ?

How does that contrast with what Jesus teaches about following Him?

So...What’s it to Me?

AT THE FEET OF JESUS

Following

"BUT WHEN SIMON PETER SAW IT, HE FELL DOWN AT JESUS' KNEES... AND WHEN THEY HAD BROUGHT THEIR BOATS TO LAND, THEY LEFT EVERYTHING AND FOLLOWED HIM."  
- LUKE 5:8 & 11

AT THE FEET OF JESUS

Serving

"AND STANDING BEHIND HIM AT HIS FEET, WEeping, SHE BEGAN TO WET HIS FEET WITH HER TEARS AND WIPED THEM WITH THE HAIR OF HER HEAD AND KISSED HIS FEET AND ANOINTED THEM WITH THE OINTMENT."  
- LUKE 7:38

AT THE FEET OF JESUS

Testifying

"THEN PEOPLE WENT OUT TO SEE WHAT HAD HAPPENED, AND THEY CAME TO JESUS AND FOUND THE MAN FROM WHOM THE DEMONS HAD GONE, SITTING AT THE FEET OF JESUS, CLOTHED AND IN HIS RIGHT MIND, AND THEY WERE AFRAID."  
- LUKE 8:35

Just What the Doctor Ordered  
At the Feet of Jesus  
Deep Dive on Following

AT THE FEET OF JESUS

Interceding

"AND THERE CAME A MAN NAMED JAIRUS, WHO WAS A RULER OF THE SYNAGOGUE, AND FALLING AT JESUS' FEET, HE IMploRED HIM TO COME TO HIS HOUSE."  
- LUKE 8:41

AT THE FEET OF JESUS

Listening

"AND SHE HAD A SISTER CALLED MARY, WHO SAT AT THE LORD'S FEET AND LISTENED TO HIS TEACHING."  
- LUKE 10:39

AT THE FEET OF JESUS

Worshipping

"AND HE FELL ON HIS FACE AT JESUS' FEET, GIVING HIM THANKS. NOW HE WAS A SAMARITAN."  
- LUKE 17:16