Why Following Is Your Best Path

Follow: A Better Path For A Better Life February 18th, 2018 Senior Pastor: Chad Moore

II. Realize That Jesus Is The <u>Only Source</u> For The Life That <u>Truly Satisfies</u>

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. **John 10:10**

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him. **Matthew 4:18-20**

(See Also Matthew 4:21-22, 8:22, 9:9-13, 16:24, 19:21)

Main Idea: Following is your best path because what you need everyday is something only <u>Jesus</u> gives, <u>unrelenting and inexhaustible</u> grace!

I. Accept That Jesus Fully <u>Loves And Accepts</u> You Despite Knowing All Your <u>Shame</u>

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

John 4:7-10 (see also vs. 15-18)

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." **John 4:13-14**

III. Choose To Walk In The <u>Freedom and Joy</u> Of Following

*Gift of new identity

*Gift of a new community—church

Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him... ³⁹Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." John 4:28-30, 39

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