

“I Will Follow You”

Easter beckons us to journey with Him, to walk the path of resurrection and renewal, declaring, ‘I will follow you.’

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Kingdom Happily Ever After

- ✦ Have our children follow us as we follow Jesus
- ✦ Have their spouses and their children follow Jesus
- ✦ We all get to Heaven for an endless fellowship...
taking as many people with us as possible



TO MY
Parents
ON MY WEDDING DAY
♥

*Everything I am is
because of you.*

Love your son, Xander
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I Will Follow You

- Someone is following you (1 Timothy 4:16)
- You are following someone (Romans 7:14-25)
- Disciples of Jesus make a commitment to follow Jesus (Acts 22:16)
- A sacred vow that no matter... I Will Follow You

Peter said to him, 'Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!' And all the disciples said the same.





Matthew 26:35

I Will Follow You... kind of

- ✦ We REBEL (2 Peter 2:20-22)
- ✦ We RENEGOTIATE (Mark 7:8-13)
- ✦ We FORGET (John 14:15)
- ✦ We DO NOT GROW (John 15:1-8)
- ✦ We are EXPOSED (Hebrews 4:12-13)

Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Matthew 26:75

	Want To	Don't Want To
Important		
Not Important		<i>Zzz...</i> 

AN EVERYDAY CHOICE



It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them. Of them the proverbs are true: “A dog returns to its vomit,” and, “A sow that is washed goes back to her wallowing in the mud.”

2 Peter 2:21-22

What changed in Peter?

- ✦ Matthew 26
- ✦ Peter followed Jesus
- ✦ Peter swore an oath to Jesus
- ✦ Peter ran away when Jesus needed him
- ✦ Peter denied Jesus three times
- ✦ Peter repented... what happened?

- Pre-crucifixion

Apostles were fishing and caught nothing all night

Jesus asked them to put the nets out again

There was a miraculous catch of fish

Peter responded

Peter was told not be afraid and that he would begin

“catch men”

Luke 5:1-11

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

Luke 5:8

Peter's Response

- ✦ Peter sees and experiences the glory of Jesus
- ✦ Peter looks at himself and **ONLY** sees a sinful and faithless man
- ✦ Peter pushes Jesus away
- ✦ Peter does not grasp his mission from Jesus

When I am NOT following...

- ✦ I DENY (John 12:9-11) - Disassociate
- ✦ I MINIMIZE (Jeremiah 6:14-15) - Fragment
- ✦ I BLAME and ATTACK (John 9:28-34) - Isolate

- Post-crucifixion

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Peter responded

Peter was told that he needs to feed and take care of the
lambs





John 21:3-14

As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.

John 21:7

Peter's Response

- ✦ Peter sees and experiences the glory of Jesus
- ✦ He was in “more” sin than before!
- ✦ Peter ran to Jesus and ignored everything else
Peter is a changed man
- ✦ Peter given his mission from Jesus to not only catch souls, but to feed and take care of them

	Urgent	Not Urgent
Important		
Not Important		

What's your next step?

- Acknowledge you need help to find out more about Jesus? (Learn and Unlearn)
- Find someone who is trusted and competent to help you follow Jesus
- Declare every day this month...

“I Will Follow You!”



Thank you!