

Sun. Night

WHERE HE LEADS ME I WILL FOLLOW

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Text: Romans 8:14

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Romans 8:14)

INTRODUCTION

- Context = Rom 8:11-17

- * Spirit gives life to mortal bodies (v.11)
- * Received Spirit of adoption (v.15)
- * Spirit bears witness with Christians ~~with~~ their spirit of God's child (v.16)

"Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil." (Matthew 4:1) to his temptation

"And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness," (Luke 4:1)

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Romans 8:14)

"But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law." (Galatians 5:18)

1. FOLLOW HIM Personally

- A. Be led by His Spirit - spirit leads

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." (Romans 8:2)

- B. Be Led to the His crucified Life

DENY SELF

"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Matthew 16:24)

TAKE UP CROSS

Quote: "Bearing the cross" means dying to self, bearing Christ's reproach, and crucifying the world and the flesh as we follow Him in obedience."

- Warren Wiersbe

"...and take up his cross daily, and follow me." (Luke 9:23)

- times denying self interest

C. Be listeners to God's Voice

KNOW HIS VOICE

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:"
(John 10:27) - Jn 10:4

RESPOND TO HIS VOICE

"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." (Ephesians 4:30)

HELPS FOR YOUR PERSONAL JOURNEY

- Jesus is the Good Shepherd (Jn 10:11, 14)
- Sheep hear, know Shepherd's voice
(Jn 10:3-4)

- Aids: www.paulchappel.com
www.lancasterbaptist.org

2. FOLLOW HIM Together

"O come, let us worship and bow down: Let us kneel before the LORD our maker."
(Psalm 95:6)

A. Assemble Together - church meetings

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25)

B. Pray Together

praying together
"And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. 24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is." (Acts 4:23-24)

church prayer during persecution
"And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, 30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. 32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common." (Acts 4:29-32)

C. Grew Together

- Spiritual growth

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ; 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:" (Ephesians 4:13-15)

HELPS FOR OUR GROWTH TOGETHER

- Sunday morning: topical sermons
- Sunday night: series "No Condemnation" study in Romans
- Wed night: electives, Connection groups

3. FOLLOW HIS Vision

"Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot."
(Acts 8:29) Ethiopian eunuch

"And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."
(Matthew 4:19) Jesus to his disciples

A. A Vision for individuals

WE MUST SEE PEOPLE AS JESUS DOES

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."
(Luke 19:10)

WE MUST GO TO PEOPLE AS JESUS LEADS

"Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot."
(Acts 8:29)

B. A Vision for Our local city - Lancaster CA

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

"And it came to pass after this, that Joash was minded to repair the house of the LORD." (2 Chronicles 24:4)

HELPS FOR OUR GROWTH TOGETHER

- everything Christian does is sacred
- soulwinning training on Sat morning
- bus ministry to community outside of church
- door knocking on Thurs & Sat

4. FOLLOW HIS Commission

- A. A Commission to send - missionaries
FOR THE WORLD

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

Quote: "We must make His last command our first priority."

FROM THE LOCAL CHURCH

"As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." (Acts 13:2-3)

- B. A Commission to win Others - witnesses

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" (Matthew 28:19)

- C. A Commission to disciple

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28:20)

- D. A Commission to Plant churches

HELPS FOR REACHING OUR WORLD

CONCLUSION

- the Great Commission were the last instructions by Jesus
- * Mt 28:18-20 Go & make disciples
 - * Mk 16:15-16 Go into all the world & preach
 - * Lk 24:46-49 Christ Jesus preached
- Christians are witnesses
- * Jn 20:31 that you may believe Jesus
 - * Acts 1:8 you will be witnesses to Me

