

Operation Kingdom Purpose: Storming the Gates of Hell (part 8) Execution: Impel

*“Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, **“Lord, I will follow You wherever You go.”** And Jesus said to him, **“Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.”** Then He said to another, **“Follow Me.”** But he said, **“Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”** Jesus said to him, **“Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.”** And another also said, **“Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house.”** But Jesus said to him, **“No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”** Luke 9:57–62, NKJV*

A. I want to follow BUT...

We tend to base our relationship with Christ on our _____.

*“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the **evidence of things not seen.**” Hebrews 11:1, NKJV*

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*“But **without faith it is impossible to please Him,** for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a*

*rewarder of those who **diligently seek Him.**”*

Hebrews 11:6, NKJV

We often seek _____ in place of _____.

*“And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: **who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.** Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were **tortured, not accepting deliverance,** that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and **scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.** They were **stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword.** They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being **desitute, afflicted, tormented**—of whom the world was not worthy. They **wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.**”*

Hebrews 11:32–38, NKJV

B. I WILL follow.

Jesus is my _____

*“Jesus said to him, **“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”**”*

John 14:6, NKJV

Jesus is my _____

*“Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. **Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.**”*

John 14:9–11, NKJV

Jesus is my _____

*“But the Helper, **the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in My name, **He will teach** you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”*

John 14:26, NKJV

So What? We often make _____ instead of _____
our _____ with one common goal-the _____.

Now What? Are we seeking to _____ the things which are uncomfortable? Or are we trying to _____ the reality of this not being our home. We are created for _____.

*“These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were **strangers and pilgrims on the earth.**”*

Hebrews 11:13, NKJV