

FOLLOW ME

Message Notes

Who Am I: A Story of Commitment

Sunday, November 2, 2025 | Tommy Duke

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Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Matthew 16:13-18

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." ¹⁵ Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. ¹⁸ Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

Follow Me Principle:

_____!

Memory Verse:

"Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it." – 1 Peter 3:15

FOUR COMMITMENTS TO FOLLOW JESUS AS LORD

- I COMMIT TO _____.

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"You must not have any other god but me." – Exodus 20:3

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"From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead. But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. 'Heaven forbid, Lord,' he said. 'This will never happen to you!' Jesus turned to Peter and said, 'Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's.'" – Matthew 16:21-23

(Jesus) *“So why do you keep calling me ‘Lord, Lord!’ when you don’t do what I say?”* – Luke 6:46

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(Jesus) *“Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.”* – Matthew 16:18

(Jesus) *“You can enter God’s Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.”* – Matthew 7:13-14

(Jesus) *“If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.”* – Matthew 16:24

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(Jesus) *“‘But who do you say I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’”*
– Matthew 16:15-16

“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” – Romans 10:9

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- ☐ Memorize 1 Peter 3:15.
- ☐ Follow Jesus as Lord and Savior for the first time.
- ☐ Rededicate my life to Jesus as Lord.
- ☐ Publicly demonstrate my commitment to Jesus by getting baptized on Sunday, November 16.

* Join us again next Sunday, November 9, at 11:00am, as we continue our *Follow Me* teaching series with “I Don’t Know Him: A Story of Failure.” Consider who you might invite to attend with you.



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