

# redletter

**Red Letter – Part 1 – Follow Me**  
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One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. **19** Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” **20** And they left their nets at once and followed him. **21** A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. **22** They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind. - Matthew 4:18-22

## CHRISTIAN OR...

- **DISCIPLE** - learner, pupil, follower.

So the word of God spread. The number of **disciples** in Jerusalem increased rapidly... - Acts 6:7

## THE CALL TO FOLLOW

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. **25** If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. **26** And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?” - Matthew 16:24-26

## ANSWERING THE CALL

### 1) Am I willing to **SURRENDER**?

“If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way...” - Matthew 16:24

And they left their nets at once and followed him. - Matthew 4:20

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.  
- Galatians 2:20

### 2) Am I willing to **SACRIFICE**?

“...take up your cross...” - Matthew 16:24

“If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine. **38** If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine.” - Matthew 10:37-38

### 3) Am I willing to **SAY YES**?

“...and follow me.” - Matthew 16:24

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

“Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. **33** But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.” - Matthew 10:32-33