

NOTES: "You Follow Me"
April 10-11, 2021
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John 21.18-25 NASB

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1. We can easily be Pharisees

You Might be a Pharisee if:

1. You view the lost as sinners to be looked down on, corrected, and despised, never wept for.
2. You judge other's spiritual journey with such limited information.
3. You feel the need to have your opinion on faith matters known.
4. There is a pattern of saying judgmental, unedifying, mean, passive-aggressive and critical things toward people, groups, and leaders.
5. You have Feeling self-righteous, smugness, and pride that you truly serve the Lord, more than others.
6. You are worried about the speck in another's eye, and not seeing the log in your own (Jesus said this.)
7. You exile people from your life that make decisions who don't like. (*forgetting about the law of love.*)
8. You look down on groups, with arrogant superiority that are not like you. (*Other churches, other races other towns*)
9. You become obsessed with the laws and ignore unconditional love.
10. You add things that are not in the Gospel to our Biblical beliefs and faith. (translations, political views, gun views, American rights)

2. Do not forget God has a unique path for each of us.

"Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:30–32, NASB95)

We all have different journey

3. We must trust him with our path, our journey, our life.

We are special to God. We have been uniquely made.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10, NASB95)

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5–6, NASB95)

Sermon Discussion Questions: "You Follow Me"

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For continued study alone or in small groups.

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Then put these back up for me

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2. Have you ever felt "jealous" of another person that you were getting ripped off like Peter? Share when?

3. Pastor talked about being a Pharisee, here they are. Been guilty of any? Struggle with one? Does one jump out at you.

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4. Read Colossians 3, 12 *"So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;"* (Colossians 3:12, NASB95)

What does this look like? Who can we do more?

5. We each have our own journey. We need to follow Christ and not worry about others. How would you describe your "journey"? How has God revealed himself in it?

6. Who in your life has had an amazing journey and you honor it, and them with respect?

7. *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight."* (Proverbs 3:5–6, NASB95)

Talk about this verse in closing? What did pastor say about this? Why is this verse a great one for life?