

## WHO ARE YOU FOLLOWING?

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*As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." (Matthew 4:18-19)*

What are you training to become?

*"I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, "I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing," not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked..."*

*"Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so **be zealous** and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. "*  
(Revelation 3:14-22 ESV)

We can become too comfortable.

How do we "be zealous and repent"?

How can I be with Jesus?

*"If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me."*

How can I be more like Jesus?

*But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did. (1 John 2:5-6)*

Am I doing what He did?

*And He said to them, "Follow Me [as My disciples, accepting Me as your Master and Teacher and **walking the same path of life that I walk**], and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19 AMP)*

*"just worrying in God's general direction"*

*Robert Mulholland*

*One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." (Luke 11:1)*

1. Start with worship.

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." (Matthew 6:9)*

*Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind worshipers the Father seeks. (John 4:23)*

2. Fully surrender.

*Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:10 KJV)*

*Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:39)*

*I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.] (John 16:33 AMPC)*

If our heart is not in the right place, our prayer will be ineffective.

*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. (James 5:16)*

*...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)*

**A healthy prayer life starts with humility!**

