

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

I WILL FOLLOW, BUT FIRST...

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JOHN 6:60-65

⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.

JOHN 6:60-65

64 Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. **65** He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

JOHN 6:66-69

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.⁶⁷ “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

TRUTH

We are either responding to God's call
or we are not! There is no neutral.

LUKE 9:51-56

51 As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. **52** And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; **53** but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem.

LUKE 9:51-56

54 When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” **55** But Jesus turned and rebuked them. **56** Then he and his disciples went to another village

THOUGHT

What are the things being said in Christianity now that Jesus might rebuke if He was walking the earth.





LUKE 9:57-62

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."⁵⁸ Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."⁵⁹ He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

LUKE 9:57-62

⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.” ⁶² Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

QUOTE

I will follow You wherever You go!

3 BUT FIRSTS:

- What about my comforts and provision?
- Let me carry out my duties.
- Let me tie up these loose ends.





QUESTION

Is Our commitment to God divided?

BUT FIRST...

- Love- But first...
- Welcome- But first...
- Forgive- But first...
- Care- But first...

QUOTE

Ministry is looking for a place to SERVE
not a place to SHINE.

QUOTE

You can never destroy people who get their happiness from God.

LUKE 9:61-62

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