



ReFocus on My Commitments

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GOD/HIS WAYS should be the most important commitment in my life

Exodus 20:3; Deuteronomy 5:6-7; 6:5; Matthew 22:37

- Anything in the place where God should be is an IDOL *1 John 2:16; 5:21*

My commitment to God is lived out BOTH...

- **Individually** – I decide to FOLLOW JESUS *1 Timothy 2:5; John 3:16; 14:6*
 - ◇ I believe Jesus is: MESSIAH, SAVIOR, LORD
Luke 2:11; John 20:31; 2 Timothy 1:10; Acts 10:36b; 1 Corinthians 15:2-4; Ephesians 2:8; Romans 12:2; 10:9
 - ◇ I make His mission, my MISSION
Luke 19:10; Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 20:21; Acts 1:8
- **In Community** – I commit to a LOCAL CHURCH because God made me to...
 - ◇ Grow DEPENDENTLY, not INDEPENDENTLY *John 15:4*
 - ◇ Grow by CONNECTION, not INTENTION *John 15:6*
 - ◇ Grow by saying NO *John 15:2, Titus 2:11-14*

Memory Verse

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:5 ESV

My Next Steps:

- I'll memorize John 15:5
- Today, for the first time, I'll choose to follow Jesus!
- Today, I'm learning/remembering _____ and with God's help I will _____.
- Other: _____

Recommended Resources:

- [Hope Series, Jesus: Messiah, Savior, Lord](#)



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Marks of Committed Follower of Jesus: (Rate 0-10, 0 = not in my life at all, 10 = regularly part of my life)

_____ **Jesus is first over everything else in life: family, possessions, etc.**

If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:26 ESV

_____ **I'm baptized, plugged into the church, learning to obey Jesus, and joined into His mission**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you... Matthew 28:19-20 ESV

_____ **I live daily under Jesus' authority---even when it costs me**

A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. Matthew 10:24-25 ESV

_____ **I abide in Christ's word: continually learning and obeying the Bible**

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples." John 8:31 ESV

_____ **I am becoming more and more Christ-like in my values and behaviors**

A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Luke 6:40 ESV

_____ **I carry my cross and deal with any extra difficulties that come with following Jesus**

Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:27 ESV

_____ **I love and sacrifice for others as Christ did**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:34-35 ESV

_____ **My life is bearing fruit that pleases Jesus**

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. John 15:8 ESV

_____ **I ask the Holy Spirit to show me areas of sin in my life so I can keep short accounts with God and others**

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! Psalm 139:23-24 ESV

Key Activities that feed Spiritual Growth

- I regularly *pray* for and *invite* friends and others to Hope *Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 14:24-25*
- I actively *participate* in a Hope Group *Hebrews 10:24-25*
- I regularly *read* my Bible and *pray* *1 Peter 2:2; Jude 20*
- I *serve* on a ministry team at Hope *Ephesians 4:11-13, 16, 1 Peter 4:10-11*
- I *worship* at Hope on the Sundays I am in town *John 4:26, Acts 20:7*
- I *give* a regular offering in a God honoring way at Hope *1 Corinthians 9:16; 16:2*
- I *obey*—I do the next right thing—asking: what is my next step? *Galatians 5:25, Matthew 7:21-22*