

July 18: The Father Honors Faithfulness

Read Matthew 19:27–29.

- Peter once asked Jesus what His followers would receive for leaving everything to follow Him. Jesus assured him that no sacrifice made for His sake would ever be wasted.
- Reflect on the sacrifices you have made to follow Christ. Share your experiences with your Life Group.
- Have you ever become discouraged because your service seemed unnoticed? How does God's promise of reward encourage you?
- What motivates your service to Jesus? How can you serve Christ more faithfully this week?
- Pastor Whitcomb said, **“The promise and power of God are connected to the presence of God. You can only fulfill your purpose in life when you embrace the person of Jesus Christ.”** What does this statement mean to you?

Pray this prayer from a sincere heart: *“Father, thank You that You see every act of faithfulness. Draw me close to You so that I will faithfully fulfill Your purpose for my life. Help me to serve You with a joyful heart, knowing that my reward comes from You alone.”*

July 19: Finish the Journey Well

Read Revelation 22:12.

- Pastor Whitcomb taught us, **“You can’t follow Jesus without being close to Jesus.”** What does this statement mean to you?
- What motivates you to keep following Jesus? What has helped you remain faithful during difficult seasons?
- How does Christ's return shape your daily priorities? Are there areas where you have become spiritually weary?
- Following Jesus is not a sprint but a lifelong journey. There will be seasons of joy, sacrifice, testing, and perseverance, but Jesus promises a reward for those who faithfully follow Him.

Prayer: *Spend time praying for yourself, and for friends and family members you know are becoming lukewarm in their commitment to God. Pray for a heart that loves and seeks only after Jesus.*



Daily Devotional for FOLLOW JESUS

Here is a Daily Devotional to enable you to make the most out of this sermon. You may use it for your personal growth or discuss it together in your Life Group.

July 13: Fan or Follower?

Read John 15:26.

- What truth from Pastor Whitcomb’s message this weekend impacted you the most? Why do you think God highlighted that truth to you? How will what you heard affect your life?
- Many people admire Jesus, but not everyone follows Him. A fan appreciates Jesus from a distance when life is comfortable, but a follower remains committed even when obedience is costly. What first drew you to Jesus, and what keeps you following Him today?
- If someone observed your life, would they describe you as a fan of Jesus or a follower of Jesus? Why?
- Are you following Jesus because of what He gives you, or because of who He is?

Make this declaration out loud in faith: *“I am a follower of Jesus Christ. I will remain faithful in every season, and my life will reflect my devotion to Him above all else.”*

July 14: Take Up Your Cross Daily.

Read Luke 9:23.

- Following Jesus is never accidental - it is an intentional daily commitment. Every day presents a choice: will you follow Christ or follow your own desires? What daily choices draw you closer to Christ?

- What does taking up your cross look like in your life today? Are there decisions you have delayed because they require greater obedience? How does choosing Jesus affect your priorities? Which personal desire is hardest for you to surrender to Christ?
- Pastor Whitcomb taught us, “**It’s impossible to follow Jesus without obeying Jesus.**” Where do you need to obey Jesus today?

Pray this prayer in faith: *“Father, help me choose You above every competing desire. Give me the courage to obey You quickly and completely each day. In Jesus’ Name I pray. Amen.”*

July 15: From Spectator to Participant.

Read Luke 6:46.

- Pastor Whitcomb asked, “**Are you a FAN of Jesus Christ or a FOLLOWER of Jesus Christ?**” How did you answer this question?
- Jesus never called people merely to observe His ministry; He invited them to become part of it. Are you participating in God's work or simply observing it?
- What gifts has God given you to serve others? Where can you become more actively involved in God's Kingdom?
- Are there areas where your actions do not match your confession? How can your Life Group encourage you to become a more active disciple?

Prayer: *Pray that God will transform you from a spectator into an active disciple, revealing and empowering you to use your gifts for His Kingdom. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to live consistently and reflect your confession of faith through faithful obedience and service.*

July 16: Stay Close to Jesus

Read Mark 3:13–14.

- Pastor Whitcomb said, “**If people’s praise motivates you then people’s criticism will stop you.**” What does this statement reveal about your life choices?

- The strength to follow Jesus comes from staying close to Him. Christianity is not about trying harder; it is about remaining connected to Christ. The closer you walk with Him, the more your heart begins to reflect His.
- How consistent is your personal time with Jesus? What distracts you from His presence?
- When do you feel closest to God? How can you cultivate a deeper relationship with Christ? How has spending time with Jesus changed your life? What changes will help you remain close to Him daily?

Make this declaration in faith: *“I choose God's presence above every distraction. As I remain close to Jesus, my life is continually transformed.”*

July 17: More Than Imitation

Read Colossians 2:9–10.

- In his sermon, Pastor Whitcomb taught us, “**Following Jesus is more than simply copying Jesus. True followers of Jesus are united with Him.**” What does this statement mean to you?
- As branches draw life from the vine, believers receive strength, wisdom, and fruitfulness by remaining in Christ. Lasting transformation always flows from intimate fellowship with Him. Are you relying on Christ or on your own strength? Are you relying on religious activity or a relationship with Christ? What does abiding in Jesus look like practically?
- Where have you tried to live independently of God? What fruit is God producing in your life? How can you deepen your dependence on Christ?

Pray this prayer from a sincere heart: *“Lord Jesus, thank You that my life is complete in You. Teach me to depend on You fully and to live each day in close fellowship with You through the Holy Spirit. Amen.”*
