

FOLLOWING JESUS WHEREVER, WHENEVER, WHATEVER

Pastor Kevin Cummings – May 24, 2026

Luke 9:23-26, 57-62

- Good soldiers _____ and Christians are soldiers who are in a constant battle. (Ephesians 6:11-20)

“Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs but rather tries to please his commanding officer.” II Timothy 2:3-4

I. Good soldiers go _____. (v. 23-26, 57-58)

- Jesus asks: “What about _____?”

A. Being a soldier means making some _____.

B. Being a soldier means you go where _____.

1. *“Follow me”* is not a suggestion but a command.
2. God is not a consultant; He is a commander.
3. Jesus wants us to say “yes” before we even know where.

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send? And who will go for us? And I said, here am I. Send me!” Isaiah 6:8

C. Being a soldier means saying _____:

1. To fear and the “What if’s” or “If only’s”.
2. To comfort and security.
3. To shortcuts.

II. Good soldiers go _____. (v. 59-60)

- Jesus asks: “What about _____?”

A. Being a soldier means having _____.

- Often, we don’t tell Jesus “no”; just “not right now”. (Matthew 4:18-20)

B. Being a soldier means practicing _____

- Our lack of obedience not only affects us, but those closest to us.

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” Hebrews 13:5

III. Good soldiers do _____. (v. 61-62)

- Jesus asks: “What about _____?”

A. Being a soldier means being _____, not awol.

- Jesus wants an exclusive personal relationship with us.

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33

B. Being a soldier means _____ your rights.

1. The thing we are most reluctant to give up has the most potential to become an idol and a substitute for Him.

“They made a calf at Mount Sinai; they bowed before an image made of gold. They traded their glorious God for a statue of a grass eating bull.” Psalm 106:19-20 (NLT)

2. Too many “good” things can become “God” things.

C. Being a soldier means _____ what our commanding officer (Jesus): (I Corinthians 15:1-4; 11:17-32)

1. Has done – Died, buried, and rose again.
2. Is doing - Helping us grow in God. (I Peter 3:18)
3. Will do – Return. (Revelation 22:7, 12, 20)

ACTION POINTS: 1.) Are you _____ of Jesus?

2.) What is competing for your _____ to Christ?

3.) A soldier of Jesus should have no _____.

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- Good soldiers follow orders and Christians are soldiers who are in a constant battle. (Ephesians 6:11-20)

“Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs but rather tries to please his commanding officer.” II Timothy 2:3-4

I. Good soldiers go wherever. (v. 23-26, 57-58)

- Jesus asks: What about there?”

A. Being a soldier means making some changes.

B. Being a soldier means you go where ordered.

1. *“Follow me”* is not a suggestion but a command.
2. God is not a consultant; He is a commander.
3. Jesus wants us to say “yes” before we even know where.

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send? And who will go for us? And I said, here am I. Send me!” Isaiah 6:8

C. Being a soldier means saying no:

1. To fear and the “What if’s” or “If only’s”.
2. To comfort and security.
3. To shortcuts.

II. Good soldiers go whenever. (v. 59-60)

- Jesus asks: “What about now?”

A. Being a soldier means having no excuses.

- Often, we don’t tell Jesus “no”; just “not right now”. (Matthew 4:18-20)

B. Being a soldier means practicing immediate obedience.

- Our lack of obedience not only affects us, but those closest to us.

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” Hebrews 13:5

III. Good soldiers do whatever. (v. 61-62)

- Jesus asks: “What about that?”

A. Being a soldier means being all in, not awol.

- Jesus wants an exclusive personal relationship with us.

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33

B. Being a soldier means giving up your rights.

1. The thing we are most reluctant to give up has the most potential to become an idol and a substitute for Him.

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2. Too many “good” things can become “God” things.

C. Being a soldier means remembering what our commanding officer (Jesus): (I Corinthians 15:1-4; 11:17-32)

1. Has done – Died, buried, and rose again.
2. Is doing - Helping us grow in God. (I Peter 3:18)
3. Will do – Return. (Revelation 22:7, 12, 20)

ACTION POINTS: 1.) Are you a fan or a follower of Jesus?

2.) What is competing for your allegiance to Christ?

3.) A soldier of Jesus should have no reserves, retreats or regrets.