

# How Does Following Jesus Become Part Of My Personal Life?

To be a follower of Jesus is by invitation:

In Relationship

In the Storms

In many dangers

Experiencing many deaths.

We discovered last week that in order to follow Jesus we would experience many deaths.

- Family
- Safety
- Self/Denials
- Self-worth
- Yet no matter what He asks, we will not run!

We asked, “What does a follower of Jesus look like?” Now we want to discuss the “How To” as it pertains to our daily life as a follower of Jesus!

**To be a follower of Jesus is not to be a fan but to be a friend.**

Acts 1: 1-11

1. Following Jesus means that we are **Friends of God** – vs 1 – **(Theophilas)** Lover of God!
2. A Follower of Jesus is an **Apostle** – 652 – one sent. A Follower is one who has **been sent** by God!
3. Following Jesus means that you are waiting the promise – vs 4 – **“promise”** – 1860 – Epaggelia – This word is only used at the promises of God. It is a legal term **denoting a Summons**... a summons to court... a summons to a task... Jesus told them to Go and Wait for the Summons by the Holy Spirit. Like a military man who is in the service to a President or a King awaits His orders... and when they come he steps up to fulfill those

orders. In this passage, they were to go and wait to be summoned as Friends of God, as those who love God...

4. Following Jesus means we have received the orders to go and fulfill the Will of God!

What is that will?

5. Following Jesus does not mean that we cease being Human. (vs 6)
6. But Following Jesus does mean that I am responsible to God for my Summons and only my Summons. Therefore be careful who you link up with in life. Some are not concerned about the summons and if you are linked to them you will have a hard time fulfilling your Summons.
7. Being a follower means that we have one Summons... "Ye shall be witnesses unto me" – "witness"-- 3144 – literally, **one who remembers**, who has the information, one who can bring information and bringing light to the reason for Jesus.
8. Being a follower of Jesus means that we have a **supernatural future** ahead of us.

When we leave or when He comes to get us either in silence or with a great noise, He is coming.

## Summary:

What did the first Friends of God understand that it meant to me a follower of Jesus?

Being a follower means that your life is now bigger than you, bigger than this world. **Your life is an extension of the Kingdom of God** (vs 3)

We are called, We are Sent, we are to be empowered by God's Authority – His Summons... to step forward and be a witness to Who Jesus is, **why Jesus came** and that He was killed, He rose.

But that is not all. **He will return** and His Kingdom, that we are now a part of, has been for 2000 years and will **never end**.

To all those who receive Him He will give power to become the **Sons of God**, the **Friends of God** and they too will have a **great purpose** and a **great future**. But all who reject Him will receive **the vengeance** of God.

Isaiah 61: 1; Luke 4: 18 *"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of the sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord" ... And the day of Vengeance of Our God"*