

Live Fearlessly

Day 1

Titus 2 Day

Jesus never promised His followers that it would be easy for them to follow Him. He was always honest about what they would face as His disciples. In John 21:18-19, Jesus explained to Peter what would eventually occur in his life.

Paraphrase what Jesus told Peter regarding his future.

What did Jesus command Peter to do (see v. 19)?

Imagine you are Peter. How would you feel knowing the information Jesus shared?
How would you react to Jesus' command?

While we often experience trials when we wholly follow Christ, we also gain eternal rewards. In John 6:61-69, Jesus spoke eternity into His disciples' souls; He had all they could have ever wanted.

Answer the following questions about John 6:61-69.

Think about what your life would be like if you didn't follow God.

- What would be the same?
- What would be different?

Peter knew that no other person or thing could provide the fulfillment Jesus offered. We often try to fit other things into the space meant for God.

- What are some things in your life today that you are seeking fulfillment from?
- Confess those things before the Lord and write down some practical ways you plan to remove those things from your life so you can pursue Christ.

Day 2

In Scripture, we read about several people who expressed their desire to follow Jesus. Read Matthew 8:18-22 and answer the following questions.

Who was Jesus referring to (see v. 20)? Why do you think He wanted the man to know this truth?

What things or people do you find yourself putting before God?

Fill in the blanks:

"Follow Me, _____, and let
_____ go."

On a blank piece of paper write the previous statement down and place it in your Bible.

In Matthew 26:33-35, Peter told Jesus that he would not stumble or deny Him, and that he was willing to die for Him.

Read Luke 22:54-55 and answer the following questions.

Why do you think Peter followed from a distance?

What fears do you have that keep you from following Jesus more closely?

The people sitting around the fire in the courtyard were mostly likely haters of Jesus, but Peter still sat among them. What people or things do you find yourself sitting among that cause you to stumble or deny Jesus?

What steps can you take to remove these stumbling blocks?

Write the name of a person who can hold you accountable in these steps and share this with them.



Day 3

God's promises are yes and amen! Read John 10:27-30 to find out what Jesus promises you when you belong to Him.

How do you draw strength and assurance from the Lord's promise to never let you go?

How are you living each day as God's elected one?

How do you respond to God's limitless power that created you and saved you?

It takes discipline to wholly follow God. "If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed. But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness" (1 Timothy 4:6-7).

As a servant of the Lord, how are you being nourished on the words of the faith and of sound doctrine?

How can we exercise ourselves toward godliness?

Day 4

As you become a disciple of Jesus, you have a responsibility to represent and share Him. Read Mark 10:46-52. Jesus was followed by a great multitude of people while traveling near Jericho and encountered blind Bartimaeus begging in the road.

What did Bartimaeus cry out when he realized that Jesus was in the crowd passing before him? What did he do when he was warned to be quiet?

How did Jesus respond to Bartimaeus' plea?

Are you experiencing a situation where you feel like you are lost in the crowd and God isn't hearing your cry? What are you dealing with today that requires that you cry out for the mercy of Jesus? Cry out to Him now!

Jesus required that Bartimaeus state specifically what mercy he desired. As Jesus responded, what did He say made Bartimaeus well?

What did Bartimaeus do in response? Read Luke 18:43 for more insight.

- Do you think that there is a connection between faith in Jesus and following Jesus?
- Take time now to pray and journal over any of the following areas where you may be doubtful or struggling in your faith.
 - Faith that God is merciful
 - Faith that God hears you
 - Faith that God answers
 - Faith to follow and glorify God no matter what

Day 5

The apostle Paul stated in Philippians 3:12, "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me." The same is true with us; though we will not attain or reach perfection, we can press forward to lay hold of the reasons why Jesus grabbed hold of us.

Read Proverbs 21:21 to learn about the benefits of following wholeheartedly after righteousness.

Define *righteousness*. What does it mean to you personally to follow it?

Define *mercy*. How are you following after mercy?

What do you gain by living a life of righteousness and mercy?

Read Jeremiah 23:6.

Who is our righteousness?

How does knowing this truth about Jesus give you confidence?