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*One Step Closer to a More Meaningful Life*

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Jesus gave people a simple invitation: **“Follow Me.”** Those two words can change your life.

Following Jesus means more than going to church, reading the Bible, or calling yourself a Christian. It means trusting Jesus enough to let Him lead your life.

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Following Jesus is a daily choice.

## Choose His Way

We all have plans, desires, and opinions about how life should go. But following Jesus means choosing His way over ours.

*“I am the way, the truth, and the life.”*

**- John 14:6 (NKJV)**

Sometimes His way will be different from ours. Our way may feel easier. His way may require faith. Our way may bring comfort. His way may require change.

**“Jesus, I choose Your way over mine.”**

## Learn From Jesus

A disciple is a learner. The first disciples walked with Jesus. They listened to His words, watched how He treated people, and learned how He prayed and obeyed the Father.

*"Learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart."*

**- Matthew 11:29 (NKJV)**

We learn from Jesus by spending time in God's Word. Do not read the Bible only to finish a chapter. Ask: **What is Jesus teaching me? What needs to change in my life?**

**The goal is not simply to know more about Jesus. The goal is to become more like Jesus.**

## **Obey What Jesus Says**

*"If you love Me, keep My commandments."*

**- John 14:15 (NKJV)**

Obedience is where faith becomes visible. Following Jesus means forgiving when forgiveness is difficult. It means choosing truth when compromise is easier. It means loving people, resisting temptation, trusting God, and doing what is right even when nobody is watching.

We will sometimes fail. But when we do, we return to Jesus and keep walking.

## **Walk the Narrow Path**

*"Narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life."*

**- Matthew 7:14 (NKJV)**

The narrow path is not always popular or easy. Sometimes following Jesus means walking in a different direction from the people around you.

Choose faith over fear. Forgiveness over bitterness. Truth over compromise. Humility over pride. God's will over your own.

**The narrow path may not be the easiest path, but it is the path where you walk with Jesus.**

## **Take Your Next Step**

You do not have to take every step today. Ask one question:

## **What is Jesus asking me to do today?**

Then take that step. Pray. Obey. Forgive. Trust. Serve. Open God's Word. Help someone else follow Jesus.

Following Jesus happens one day at a time.

**One choice. One act of obedience. One step of faith. One step closer to Jesus.**

## **Keep Walking**

*Walking the Narrow Path* contains **365 numbered devotions** designed to help you examine your faith and grow closer to God.

Many devotions begin with one simple word and lead you to one important question:

**What is God saying to me?**

**Read. Think. Pray. Respond. Then take your next step.**