

Introduction

- **Introduction to Follow Me: The true, radical call of Jesus**

In this series, we will answer the question: what is Jesus's true call to his followers?

Luke 9.23-24

23 And he said to them all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

Part 1: What is his call? To give our life to change the world with him.

How do we change the world? We change the world by changing others' eternities

- **Introduction to Part 2: Why do radical?**

God is all powerful, he doesn't need our help. God saves us by his grace, not our works. So why does Jesus make such a radical call to his followers? Why does God expect so much from his children?

Why so radical?

- **Does He Need Help?**
- **Totally Sovereign**

Acts 17.24-25

24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

God's Goal

- **To Receive Glory**

Isaiah 48.11

11 For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it,
for how should my name be profaned
My glory I will not give to another.

Isaiah 42.8

8 I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.

- **What Is Glory?**

The Purpose for Everything

Romans 11:36

36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Exodus 14:4

4 “And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord.” And they did so.

● Creation

Psalms 150:6

6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

Psalms 19.1-4

1 The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
2 Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.
3 There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.
4 Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun[.]

● People

Isaiah 43:6-7

6 I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth,
7 everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.

● The Cross and Salvation

Ephesians 1.5-7

5 [H]e predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

What About My Life?

Main Idea: God is Greatly Glorified When His Children Live Lives Radically Devoted to His Purposes

- **Jesus**

John 17.4

4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.

- **And Us**

John 15.8

8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

How Does He Receive Glory?

- **As Most Important**

Matthew 6:33

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

- **Sacrifice**

2 Timothy 2.3-4

3 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesús. 4 No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.

- **Suffering**

2 Timothy 3.12

12 Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

Maximum Glory