



I WILL... “NO More Excuses – Follow”

Luke 9:57-62

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Jesus models & demands unqualified commitment **Luke 9:51**

“As the Messiah braced Himself for His fateful descent into spiritual darkness, the time had come to separate true disciples from casual followers, the determined from the doubtful. Kingdom building is tough business, calling its citizens to live in foreign territory, according to different -often opposing - standards, among hostile enemies bent on violence, in the expectation of future vindication. In the meantime, the followers of the King must become like Him, determined to confront evil and ready to suffer its backlash, to harden their faces against the fury of hell as they committed themselves to the establishment of God's kingdom on earth.” ~ Charles Swindoll

“Little has done more to harm the witness of the Christian church than the practice of filling its ranks with every volunteer who is willing to make a little profession, talk fluently of experience, but display little of perseverance.” ~ D. A. Carson

1. Unreserved sacrifice

Luke 9:23-24; Matthew 6:31-33

“We do Jesus a grave disservice, if we ever lead people to believe that the Christian way is an easy way. There is no thrill like the way of Christ and there is no glory like the end of the way; but Jesus never said it was an easy way. The way to glory always involved a cross.” ~ William Barclay

2. Undivided devotion

Luke 14:26-27; Mark 1:17-18; 1 Corinthians 7:29; Ephesians 5:16

All scripture is from the NASB (New American Standard Bible, 1995 version), unless otherwise noted.

3. Unwavering commitment

James 4:4; 1 Kings 19:19-21

“It may be well said that we have done great hurt to the church by letting people think church membership need not make so very much difference. We ought to tell them it should make all the difference in the world! We might have fewer people; but those we had would be really pledged to Christ.” ~ William Barclay

“No Reserves - No Retreat - No Regret”

~ William Borden



I WILL...

- (1) Welcome & Belong
- (2) Connect & Grow
- (3) Gather
- (4) Care
- (5) Serve
- (6) Go & Send
- (7) Give

Will you 23 in 23 = Make 23 connections in 2023?

PFBC GOAL: 3500 Connections

Our Response:

1. What excuses or reasons have you been giving to not follow Christ? How do those need to be changed to an I Will Follow?
2. Where & how in your life do you need to set your face like a flint and walk in it?
3. How do you view the 2 reasons the people gave for not following Jesus immediately? How did Jesus answer them and why?
4. How can you relate to each of the 3 people in the story?
5. What would it look for you this year to step out and make 23 connections in 2023? What adjustments would you need to make?

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