

# Message/Lesson: Followers

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**Songs:** “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

“I Can Hear My Savior Calling”

**Scripture:** Ephesians 5:1-33

**Text:** Ephesians 5:1

“Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children...”

**Subject:** Follower

**Subtopic:** Followers of Christ are special people who are dedicated and committed to the cause of Christ.

**I. Introduction:** The family of Christians is dedicated and committed to the cause of Christ, and there is no compromise. It is Christ or nothing at all—totally sold out...

It is my desire to be found totally sold out to/for the cause of Christ. The cause of Christ is ultimately the salvation for/of mankind. It was Christ that responded to the “Who shall we send to save mankind?” and the still little voice of Christ saying, “Make me a body and I will go down and redeem mankind.”

This is the Divine Gift given by God for our salvation. Let us look at the text...

**II. Discussion: The TEXT...** “Be YE therefore followers of God, as dear children...” Followers first of all... (Verses 1-7)...

1. Love the Lord... [As Dear Children]
2. Walk in love... [Verse 2: “And walk in love, as Christ...”]
3. Practice of MIMICRY [The act, practice, or art of mimicking.] Just like the man.
4. Willingness to die if necessary...
5. Avoid moral downfalls... [Fornication, uncleanness, covetousness...]
6. Watch jesting, joking and jiving...
7. Absolutely no idolatry...
8. Alert of the wrath of God...
9. Fully compliant [Walk in obedience...]

**III. Closure:** I have made up my mind, that for God I live and for God I die... Walking in love requires...

1. **F** - Full of commitment...Fully Committed
2. **O** - Overcoming the world...
3. **L** - Living a clean and saved life...
4. **L** - Loving everybody...
5. **O** - Only trusting in God...Never try your own way (It will not work!)...
6. **W** - Walk circumspectly (See verse 15)...
7. **E** - Endeavors always to do the will of the Father (See Isaiah 1:19 - “Willingness/Obedient”)
8. **R** - A practitioner of RIGHTEOUSNESS...

JUST LIKE... DANIEL/The Hebrew boys/Ultimately THE CHRIST - JESUS!

**Note:** Expound/Elaborate as The Spirit gives guidance/utterance...

### **“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”**

I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
No turning back, no turning back.

### **“I Can Hear My Savior Calling”**

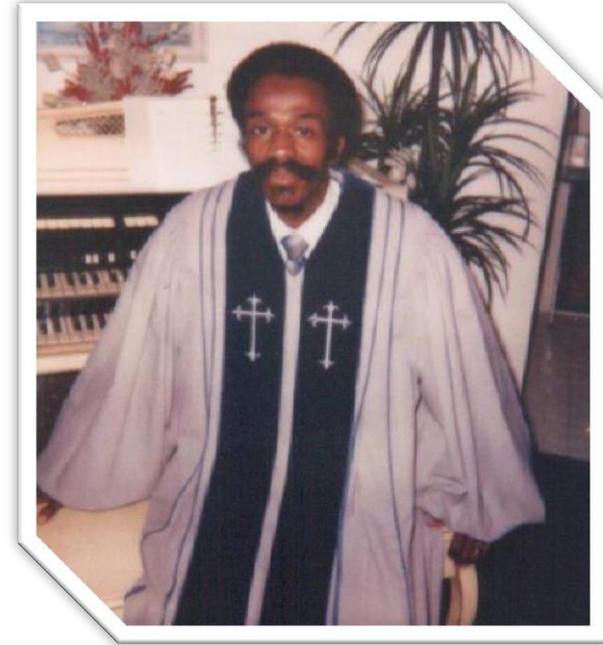
I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
“Take thy cross and follow, follow Me.”

*Where He leads me I will follow,  
Where He leads me I will follow,  
Where He leads me I will follow;  
I'll go with Him, with Him, all the way.*

I'll go with Him through the garden,  
I'll go with Him through the garden,  
I'll go with Him through the garden,  
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

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**If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.  
II Corinthians 5:17**