

Back to Basics!

Part 8: "What Would He Do With My Life?"

The world has the right to ask, and *is* asking the question... "Do you know what it means to be a follower of Christ?"

The original WWJD... is the foundation of Life Church! And you have to read and understand the original concept to understand our take on the Kingdom!

First, the Biblical foundation and then the concepts! 1 Peter 2.21-25 This is praiseworthy – if you endure grief, suffering wrongfully, because of your consciousness toward God! There is no renown for you for taking it patiently when you are beaten for your faults... But if you take it patiently when you do good and suffer for it, this is commendable before God. For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, *leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps*: "Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth" who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness — by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Like Sheep... Head down, following the food trail... NOW... come back to Him... Who bore our sins, so that dead to sin, we can now live righteously... No longer sinning, deceiving, reviling, nor threatening... But suffering righteously, committing completely, enduring patiently... Walking behind *in His steps*, obediently...

Ephesians 5.1-16 "Be followers (*mimics*) of God, as dear children, and walk in the love that Christ demonstrated for us – giving Himself for us as an offering and sacrifice to God as a sweet smelling savor – exposing and putting off all the activities of darkness which are a shame to even speak of – waking and rising from the dead to redeem the time in days of evil!"

1John 2.4-6 "The one who says 'I know Him' but doesn't keep His word is a liar and the truth is absent within him but the one who keeps His words... In him the love of God is perfected – and that's how we know we are in Him! *The one who says they live in Him should live like Him, imitating Him...*"

John 13.13-17 "You call Me your Lord and Master and you are right because I am... so if I your Lord and Master have washed your feet you should also wash one another's feet, for *I have given you an example that you should follow... do for others what I have done for you...* You are not greater than Me, I am the One sending you out to serve and happy are you if you know these things and do them!

More... "We who think we're empowered should bear the weaknesses of the weak and not live to please ourselves *but, like Jesus, we should be living to please others!* **Rom 15.1-3** "You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that *though He was rich yet for your sakes He became poor* so that you could become rich..." **2Cor 8.9** "Regardless of what anyone else does, *you follow Me...*" **John 21.22**

Following in His steps is fundamental to our faith and it should have a very practical application! We shouldn't do anything without first asking, "Would Jesus be doing this?" or... "What would Jesus do in my situation?"

As followers... We can do nothing less! And we must be careful w/the answer! We cannot be self-serving or glib! We must use the Word of God as an interpretive guide! Not our own desires or wisdom! Not our friend's or world opinions! Not societal trends! Must have Holy Spirit confirmation! Let the Word and Spirit agree!

We are supposed to be where He is and never where He isn't! "Jump off the cliff with Me!" is completely different from, "I'm about to jump off a cliff, make sure You catch me!" We're supposed to be with Him, not asking Him to be with us! And if you can't put Him "there" you shouldn't be...

We are to be "covered in His dust!" We are here to take on His ways! See what He sees! Say what He says! Do what He does! Love what He loves! Hate what He hates! To know what He wants us to know!

Is it possible to live by the Christ standard? If it isn't then why follow Him at all?

Asking these questions is... The reason we have the worship that we do... The reason that we have the servants that we do... The reason that we have the "real" men and women that we do... The basis for everything we do! It is the "sorter" of all the people who come here... It's the reason many leave, it's the reason the remnant stays...

"In His Steps" Charles Sheldon, 1897

The Book... Is the finest "living parable" ever produced... Must have the Bible to interpret the guiding question... WWJD... But must have the concept to make the Bible knowledge you have functional! It is one of the most radical ideas you can embrace about Christianity! Concept that demands a verdict!

It simply asks and honestly answers, "What Would Jesus Do" in my situation?

Think how that... affects you from the time you get up! What would Jesus do first thing? How would He lay-out His day? **affects personal relationships!** How would He love His mate/kids? What would He say to His family/leaving and His friends/acquaintances on arriving/interact workers/students? **affects what you do at work!** What would He do for work?

What would Jesus do... With your money/finances? With your talent/abilities? With your sex? If He had your body? What would He put in it or put on it? How would He display/adorn/alter it? If He had your time for hobbies, recreation, or avidity? Would He play what you play, go where you've gone, be doing what you do? Is a searching, far reaching question...

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