

Back to Basics!

Part 10: "The Final Three!"

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Oh, the problems of walking in His steps!

The Problems... Of loving God more than we love ourselves (self-life)! The de-constructions, the adjustments, the alterations... The interruption of our daily lives; schedules, course, tasks... The confrontations and encouragements... The acquiescing of "rights" to snuff arguments, vengeance...

Of not being able to pretend! The reality that must show... We can't just go to church, pray before meals and pretend to read... We must be part of the body... Conversationalists and intercessors... And serious students of the Word...

The responsibility we bear... His image in the world!

The accountability we submit to... For correction and encouragement!

In His Steps is a great book, but it's only a great illustration of Bible truth...

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.*

We share in His righteous sufferings... We share in His trust, that allows for the extending of mercy and grace... So that as "followers" we are walking in His steps!

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...*"

If we are alive in Christ we should be living by the same faith as He did! How do we keep missing that?

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!

We have an example to follow!

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**

But after reading the book, we have a little better idea of what it looks like to be a follower of Christ! And a little better understanding of *why* and *what* has to be altered in our lives!

For some this is *embracing* moments of destiny... for others, *facing* the greatest challenges of faith!

Challenges... The way we respond to people... How we interact w/ friends/enemies... Kinds of jokes/gossip/stories we share... **What we do:** at home/at-for work/school... to/with/put in/on our bodies... w/our talents/abilities... w/our money... w/our spare time... **What we think, desire, fantasize, things we allow/approve/condone...**

Once we have asked, "is what I do in accordance with the spirit and teachings of Jesus...?" Once we have answered, "is this what Jesus would do" if He was living my life?" Then we must move swiftly to alter our current course or embrace, and not be shaken off, His course!

"The day must come when I die to the praise or criticism of men so that I can start living the life God has laid out before me in Christ!"

The Final Three Reasons we are in pursuit!

The Call to Walk In His Steps is getting Jesus into your skin!

The Call is getting what we have seen on the outside, into the inside!

The Call is the invasion and habitation of God into our natural beings!

Change and Embrace... You're up!