



THE LIFE OF A JESUSFOLLOWER

“Burdened”

Matthew 11:28-30

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Do you desire to be a faithful follower of Jesus?

What does a faithful follower of Jesus look like?

In today’s church culture, we tend to define a follower of Jesus in one of two ways:

1. By what a person does...activity
2. By what a person knows...information

The Christian life isn’t me living FOR Jesus but Jesus living His life IN and THROUGH me.

The central truth of this series is this: Following Jesus is all about relationships. [2 Corinthians 11:3](#)

It is to be simple and pure.

Jesus’ life & ministry revolved around 3 relationships.

1. Following Jesus is about a relationship with God.

[John 14:10-11](#)

Keyword: ABIDE - [John 15:4-5](#)

2. Following Jesus is about a relationship with other believers.

[John 1:43](#)

Keyword: CONNECT

[Genesis 2:7,18](#); [Acts 2:42-46](#); [John 15:12](#)

3. Following Jesus is about a relationship with the world.

[John 3:1-21](#); [John 4:1-29](#); [Luke 19:1-10](#)

Keyword: SHARE [John 17:18](#); [2 Corinthians 5:18-20](#)

WRAP UP

1. All 3 relationships are interdependent. [John 13:34-35](#)
2. We follow Jesus everyday as we invest in the relationships He invested in

Response Questions:

1. How do we miss the simplicity and purity of a relationship with Jesus when we reduce following Him to doing things for Him or knowing things about Him? Which tendency (doing or knowing) do you tend to err towards most often?
2. What is the difference between living for Jesus and allowing Jesus to live in and through us?
3. If Jesus believed that apart from an intimate relationship with the Father He could do nothing, why do we often view it as something that is optional to faithfully follow Him?
4. Why are relationships with other Christians nonnegotiable for Jesus followers?
5. What do we gain by investing in relationships with other Jesus followers?
6. How are you currently developing relationships with people who don't know Jesus?
7. What transformation do you need to allow the Lord to do in you as you look at these 3 relationships? Abiding, Connecting, & Sharing.