

# Follow Me

John 21:18-25

## John 21:18

Peter, \_\_\_\_\_ to me!

When you were younger, youthful, newborn, youthful you got \_\_\_\_\_ and went wherever you wanted to go.

When you get old and senile, another will have to dress you and \_\_\_\_\_ you.

You will have to go where \_\_\_\_\_ tell you

**Young:** At this time Peter \_\_\_\_\_ -aged

When John wrote these words Peter \_\_\_\_\_.

Put to death by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Girdedst thyself.** Maybe-- Peter girded himself and jumped out of boat

Romans place necks of those to be crucified into \_\_\_\_\_.

Stretch out hands...attach to end of yoke.

Lead through \_\_\_\_\_

Stretch hands out.... gird them (bound them), carry to place didn't want to be.

Gird arms and torso to \_\_\_\_\_

## John 21:19

Prediction that Peter die \_\_\_\_\_ death.

Requested be crucified \_\_\_\_\_ down.

### **Follow me.**

Mat 5:48 John 13:13-15 1 Cor 4:16 1 Cor 11:1

Phil 4:9 *Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.*

Philippians 3:17

*Followers together:* co-\_\_\_\_\_

Bottom line of discipleship: Make someone just like \_\_\_\_\_.

Hopefully, just like \_\_\_\_\_.

*and mark them ...* take aim at, regard, observe \_\_\_\_\_

1. Imitate \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Let's take a walk and \_\_\_\_\_
3. Die like I died
4. Be willing to bear \_\_\_\_\_ like me

Centuries of Great Preaching: One Salvation Army officer came into a meeting loaded down with dead cats and rats; he explained these had been thrown at him; and that he caught and held the dead animals because if he dropped them the crowd would merely pick them up to be thrown again. ... At first the police did little to stop the "Skeleton Army." Instead of helping they frequently harassed Booth and his followers."  
Clyde E. Fant, Jr. and William M. Pinson, Jr.,

Why Peter pursue life that come to end by crucifixion?

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 *For the love of Christ constraineth us; ...*

Held together by, \_\_\_\_\_ by ...

Pressured and \_\_\_\_\_ by love of Christ.

Love of Christ had tight grip on \_\_\_\_\_ and life.

\_\_\_\_\_ in by love of Christ.

*Love so amazing, so divine*

*Demands my life, my soul, my all*

What true of person compelled by love of Christ?

John 14:21 Hears and \_\_\_\_\_ God's call

Hudson Taylor, ... *I gave my life because of my love for Jesus Christ.*

Acts 9:15-16 ... *For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.*

When person gripped by love of Christ--do \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus wants him to do

Hughes: *The love of Christ so grips His followers that they no longer want to live for themselves but for Him, and that will mean obedience and mission and hardship and suffering.*

### **John 21:20-21**

Jesus and Peter began \_\_\_\_\_.

The one who leaned on Jesus' breast at supper--typical of John's reference to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Lord, and what shall this man do?** ... what about \_\_\_\_\_?

Is he going to \_\_\_\_\_, too?

### **John 21:22**

If he stays alive until I come back then that is \_\_\_\_\_ your concern.

**What is that to thee?** Mind your own business.

My will for you may be completely \_\_\_\_\_ than my will for John.

Don't \_\_\_\_\_ yourself with John.

Hughes: *Each of our lives is a sovereign creation of God. Our worth and our effectiveness, God's favor in our lives, is not to be determined by comparison with others. We are not to be involved in unprofitable musings about the relative providences of our lives—how one brother has it easier than another, or how one ministry is fraught with hardship and another is not, or why one believer becomes famous and another remains obscure. We are each simply to follow \_\_\_\_\_.*

### John 21:23

\_\_\_\_\_ mill--John won't die.

Not what Jesus said.

Even among the early Christians....don't accurately interpret \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

John writing these words nearly \_\_\_\_\_ years later.

### John 21:24

This proves that the unnamed apostle in this book truly \_\_\_\_\_.

**and we know that his testimony is true.** This man never \_\_\_\_\_

Reputation for speaking \_\_\_\_\_.

Phillips: *John was a credible witness. He had been with Jesus from the beginning of His public ministry. He had been close to him. As his first cousin, he had known him for years. He had been a loyal disciple from beginning to end, an eyewitness of the magnificent drama of God's manifestation in human flesh. ...*

### John 21:25

If there were a man who could write down all accounts of life of Jesus the information would be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Amen:** so it is. So \_\_\_\_\_ it.

**Barnes:** *This gospel contains in itself the clearest proof of \_\_\_\_\_.* ...

*Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
And were the skies of parchment made:  
Were every stalk on earth a quill,  
And every man a scribe by trade;  
To write the love of God above  
Would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,  
Though stretched from sky to sky.*

# **So what?**

## **1. Follow me**

Imitate my example.

Be willing to bear your cross like me

Will you follow Jesus?

Will you align your life and time with His life and time?

## **2. Love me**

The love of Christ constrains you?

Have you ever committed your heart to Christ.

Purposed to love Him with all your heart...soul...mind.