

WHO WILL FOLLOW JESUS?

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INTRO.:

A. Text: **Luke 9:23-27.**

B. Regarding the text:

1. A common phrase spoken by Jesus is “follow me.”
2. In our text, Jesus gives the description of those who will follow Him.

C. Our text challenges to follow Jesus.

D. We must ask who should follow Jesus?

I. EVERYONE.

A. “Any man... let *him* deny *self* ... take up *his* cross...” (23).

B. Following Jesus is a personal decision.

1. **Acts 2:41.**
2. **Romans 14:12** “So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.”

C. The church is made up of those who have chosen to follow Him.

1. **Acts 2:38.** “Everyone of you...”
2. **Acts 26:19** “Whereupon, O king Agrippa, *I was not disobedient* unto the heavenly vision.”
3. **Acts 8:36** “... what doth hinder *me to be baptized?*”

D. Following Jesus is not determined by family, friends, nation, or any ethnic groups. *It is by our own personal decision.*

II. ALL WHO ARE WILLING TO DENY SELF.

A. “Let him deny himself” (23) ... “lose his live for my sake” (24).

B. Paul is an excellent example.

1. **2 Timothy 2:10.**
2. **Galatians 2:20.**
3. **Philippians 3:4-11.**
4. **Acts 21:10-13.**

C. Following Jesus is an all or nothing proposition!

III. ALL WHO WILL LIVE DAILY FOR CHRIST.

A. “Take up his cross daily” (23).

B. He expects daily...

1. Denial of self (**Vs. 23**). Lose sight of oneself. Seek only to please God.
2. Standing for Him and His teachings (**Vs. 26; Acts 20:20-21; Romans 1:16**).
3. Study (**Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 2:15; Psalm 119:97**). Search the Scriptures.
4. Prayer (**1 Thessalonians 5:17** “Pray without ceasing.”)
5. Teaching (**Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:2**).

C. When we follow Jesus --- Our goal each day will be to please HIM.

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. Such a decision requires that we begin by deciding to follow Jesus’ way of salvation...

1. HIS plan of salvation in loving obedience (**Hebrews 5:8-9**).

B. Our decision should be clear (**24-26**) – Will YOU follow Jesus?

1. The song says. “I have decided to follow Jesus... No turning back, no turning back!”