

A Faith that Follows

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Introduction:

1. 4 wheeling on Ben Lomand Mountain. I had to follow my guide.
2. We must trust our guides in life and follow them.

Text:

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Thesis:

We must have a faith that follows Christ, a faith that follows not is dead (James 2:17).

Discussion:

I) Follow Who?

- a) Christ (Luke 5:1-11)
 - 1) Matthew 4:19
 - 2) Mark 1:17
 - 3) Matthew 16:24
- b) Elders (1 Corinthians 11:1)
 - 1) 1 Timothy 5:17
 - 2) Hebrews 13:7
 - 3) Hebrews 13:17

II) Follow What?

- a) Acts of Obedience (Acts 2:41-42)
 - 1) The Lord's instruction for the redemption of sin.
 - 2) The Lord's instruction for worship.
- b) Acts of Peace (Romans 14:19)
 - 1) Matthew 18:21-22
- c) Acts of Faith (1 Thessalonians 1)
 - 1) John 6:28-29 (Believe)
 - 2) James 1:4-6 (Patience)
 - 3) 2 Peter 1:5-8 (Growth)
- d) Acts of Love (John 13:34-35)

III) Follow When?

- a) Now (Luke 9:61-62)
- b) John 9:4
- c) James 4:14

IV) Follow Where?

- a) The path of obedience (Hebrews 12:1-2)
- b) Heaven (Matthew 6:33)

V) Follow Why?

- a) Unity (Psalm 133)
 - 1) John 17:21-23
 - 2) Ephesians 4:1-6
 - 3) Ephesians 4:11-13
 - 4) 1 Corinthians 12:12 (Each part of the body has an important task)
- b) Be Productive
 - 1) Matthew 25:14-30 (Parable of Talents)
 - 2) 1 Corinthians 10:31
 - 3) Colossians 3:17

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VI) Follow How?

- a) Become a Christian
- b) Out Reach to the Community
- c) Out Reach in Evangelism
- d) Care Group(s)
- e) Recovery Restoration
- f) Forty and Over Fellowships
- g) Bible School (Education)
- h) Building and Yard Maintenance
- i) Youth Devotionals and Activities
- j) Lads to Leaders
- k) Youth Rally

Conclusion

1. Will I trust Jesus and follow Him?
2. Will I get involved in His work with others who trust in Him?