

FOLLOW THE LEADER

Matt. 9:9
Joshua 14:8

Intro: Every body who is school understands my subject this morning. I will not have to spend time telling them what it means because they are accustomed to following the leader, or at least they are supposed to.

In all the games they play somebody has to be the leader. If they are taking calescentics, it is necessary to follow the leader in order to keep time, 1,2,3,4, etc.

Every body who has played sports is aware that you have a leader for limbering up exercises... 2 people can not lead, only one person is the leader at the time.

If you have ever played in a band, you know how important it is to follow the leader-- if the french horn decides to be the leader and pay no attention to the leader the music will sound awful. You must follow the leader-- the band master, if the music is too slow its the leaders fault, if it is too fast it is the leaders fault-- its his responsibility and not the french horns duty to pep up or slow down the music.

Every one here we has been in the service. In sure is acquainted with this truth... The sergeant or who ever is in charge of a group of men is suppose to lead those men. they have to follow the leader.... If he decides to march 5 miles they have to follow the leader and if they don't, well you know what happens.

During the raid on japan General Doolittle led the group of bombers, they followed the leader-- he led them to Tokeyo.

Adam Followed The Leader - Some body said, "Then would Adam be today if it had not been for a woman?"
The reply - "still in The Garden of Eden eating apple pie!"

A Leader: is one who leads out in a cause... a director....

Kinds of Leaders: Some people are real natural leaders. Some leader would lead you in wrong direction. You school boys and girls are aware of this fact... some leaders you don't want to follow.... They may say we will make you popular etc, but at what price?

Some Leaders are complete failures:
Every leader does not succeed. Every preacher does not succeed in getting people to follow-- he is their leader but,

What about the Living JESUS....

He is the author and finisher of the christian faith. He leads us to God.

The world in which we live is governed by personalities. Ideas and movements spring to life ..

Back of Christianity is Christ.--the person-- not a myth or a dream, or a remote figure....

John said-- "The word was made Flesh--and dwelt among us.... and we beheld his glory as of the only begotten of the father."

Christ is a living LEADER--- His resurrection proves he was God. He was Gods perfect man, He is a King who never dies,.,., where is Louis 14th, where is Mohammed?, Copernicus? Our King shall live forever

II. FOLLOW HOW

1. TRADITIONALLY--- Will we follow him because it is tradition in our family? Why attend Church?
Just to be in step? -

2. HISTORICALLY--- will we follow him as figure in history we feel was a good man, a fine leader? Example?

3. PERSONALLY--- If we are to follow in a practical way, it must be a vital personal followership.

In season and out of season.....

In the day of adversity, and the day of prosperity---

A little girl was asked how she knew the Lord had risen from the dead. Her reply was, "I spent fifteen minutes with him this morning"

We are to follow as individuals, it is to be personal follow him as sheep follow a shepherd,,, as children follow their mother. as soldiers follow their captain, as ships follow their pilot.

We are to follow Him as Nath followed Naomi, and say unto the Lord "Whether thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

III. FOLLOW WHERE?

The trail is tangled and hard

CAN YOU SAY?

1. Lord, Anywhere?

So long as the Lord is there and Leads will you follow anywhere?

B.B. McKinney

"Take up thy cross and follow me,"

I heard the Master say;

I gave my life to ransom thee,
Surrender your all today."

My, Heart, my Life, my all I bring
To Christ who loves me so;
He is my Master, Lord, and King,
Wherever He Leads I'll go."

Can you say that?

Even though it means persecution
Misunderstanding

3. Lord, at any TIME

Day or night I will follow my Leader,

There are great times in the lives of all of us
will we follow him then? When Haggai - said -

*J.O. Williams - Ruined - Town - bad blood - people returned to such level -
morning time on - moment of rest & prayer - I sought the Lord to direct me to
some one to whom I might report about his soul - Impressed by go to the ticket
office at the Station Railroad & had Agent to X. on way - 100 yds off - Agent
wanted to be - tried to show you were coming - How - I was impressed & you
come to talk about my soul - impulsively conviction of power of Lord to
save a lost soul. Requested to read certain script. - Still he read the Lord
stand him & that night confessed at the church. - The time -
Yes the Lord works at both ends of the time -
Yes thinks me - J. 16. 13*

IV. FOLLOW WHY?

This is a new way - Ours is a way of corruption -

This is the way of good company -

We can not direct our own course, there is no Leader
equal to our Lord. I am the way.

alright my brother to understand

Lest you never hear the invitation again.

Will a man shut his ears to such a merciful invitation?

If a rich man were to invite a hungry man into his house
to eat, would he not instantly Follow?

Follow this Leader and you will end up at the Fathers House.