LEADERSHIP LESSON #16 - FAITH...FOLLOW ME

LESSON

True Godly leadership – real character – can stem only from a personal walk and relationship with Jesus Christ. We may exhibit good character and lead with great passion, purpose, strength and integrity. But it cannot be said that we're a Godly leader unless God is first leading us. Many who have assumed a leadership role have, by the world's standards, steered their ship well. They've achieved success, earned respect and gathered a following. But ultimately, each of these "achievements" is insignificant if the leader does not belong to Christ. So the BIG question remains: Is Jesus Christ your leader? Does He reign in your heart? Does Jesus equip and empower you; does He guide your every step and is He your barometer for success and rescuer when you fall?

EXPLANATION

In essence…Are you a fan or a follower of Jesus Christ? Just as a sports fan can wear his team's colors, chat his team's name, attend their every game, follow, friend, share and repost his team on social media, talk about how awesome the team is to anyone who will (bear or care) to listen, raise hands when they score…so too can a fan of Jesus show every outward sign of belonging to Him. Doing and saying the "right things"; being careful to follow the rules of what to do and what not to do; faithfully attending church and consistently tithing over the "expected" 10%. Maybe even serving on the board as an elder or…preaching from the pulpit! But the BIG question remains…Are you truly a follower of Jesus or simply playing the role of a zealous fan?

- Have you denied yourself, taken up your cross and followed Jesus. Have you accepted THIS call to salvation?
- Can you say with all confidence: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes (Romans 1:16-17)
- Do you live by faith and not by sight?
- Are you trying to earn God's favor instead of basking in His grace?
- Will Jesus say, "Well done good and faithful servant, or will you hear those most haunting of words, "Away from me, you evil doer. I never knew you!"

APPLICATION

Scripture says in Romans 10:13 that, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Have you called on His name? If not, what's holding you back? Tell Him today that you want to be His child for now and eternity. Ask Jesus into your heart. He alone can save. He alone can mold and shape you into the Godly leader who will make a difference in their lifetime..

DIRECTION

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23)