

SERMON SERIES: Right Now
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Key Line

Comfort is the enemy of commitment. Jesus calls us to be committed to him over the comforts of this world.

Introduction

“Comfort doesn’t create champions.” Scott quotes this from Jon Acuff.

- Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why or why not?

Seek the Word

Read Luke 9:23.

- What does Jesus say it takes to follow him?

Read Luke 9:57-62.

- What does Jesus tell the first person in the passage who tells him he’ll follow him wherever he goes? (*He reminds him that he is homeless, so if the man follows him, he will be homeless, too.*)
- We sometimes commit to following Jesus as long as he requires us to do only what we want to do. What are some limits you put on your willingness to follow him?
- In verse 59, what does the second man say he wants to do before following Jesus? (*He wants to go bury his father. This doesn’t necessarily mean his father is dead already but that the man is saying he wants to be with his dad until he dies, which could be a long time.*)
- Why do you think Jesus told the man to follow him now, not after his dad dies? (*Jesus knows the man is putting conditions on following him. He is putting other things in front of Jesus.*)
- What does the third man want to do before following Jesus? (*Go back and say goodbye to his family.*) Why did Jesus tell him no? (*He was making the point that when we commit to him we put him first.*)

Consistency beats occasionally. Being consistent in our commitments is better and more effective than occasional work toward our commitments.

Five ways to be consistent in your commitment to God:

- Read the word of God. This is where you meet Jesus.
- Pray. Praying 12 minutes a day or more changes the chemistry in your brain. This reduces anxiety and depression.
- Give. People are made with a desire to be generous.
- Serve. Your gifts are meant to be used to further and strengthen the body of Christ.
- Invite. Think of a way God can use you to invite someone to know more about Jesus. Connect with someone else.

Talk About It

- What are things that weaken your commitment to Jesus and stand in the way of doing the five things listed above?
- What can you do to focus on Jesus better this week? List some specific things you will do.
- How can we help each other keep this focus?