

V. THE **FALTERING** (4:16-18)

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”
Ephesians 2:10

“Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.”
I Timothy 4:13

“Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also.”
Hebrews 13:3

*“I You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.”*
II Timothy 2:1-3

CONCLUSION:

“FOLLOW ME”

The Gospels record Jesus making this statement 19 times.

Are You Following Christ?

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.”
John 15:13

#JESUS

Following Jesus In Relationships
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INTRODUCTION

A. In today’s society, we “follow”, post and tweet nearly everything, but are we pursuing the only One who calls us to follow him with our entire lives?

*“6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,
7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”*
Colossians 2:6-7

Jesus plus nothing equals everything!!

B. In #Jesus, Following The Life Of Christ, we will explore the Bible book of Colossians and what it means to follow Christ both today and for eternity. This nine part series features the following messages:

April 5	Becoming A Follower Of Jesus
April 12	Why Follow Jesus
April 19	Following Jesus In Ministry
April 26	Following Jesus In Truth
May 3	Following Jesus In Habits
May 10	Following Jesus In The Home
May 17	Following Jesus In The Workplace
May 24	Following Jesus In Prayer
TODAY	Following Jesus In Relationships

This series is for everyone!

C. TEXT: Colossians 4:7-18 (Pew Bible/Pg. 212/New Test.)

FOLLOWING JESUS IN THE RELATIONSHIPS

The apostle Paul mentions over 100 people by name in his New Testament writings. In this passage he mentions 10 individuals. He was a friend-maker and a team player!

“A man who has friends must himself be friendly, ...”
Proverbs 18:24a

I. THE FAITHFUL (4:7-8, 10a, 14a, 15)

“Only Luke is with me....” II Timothy 4:11a

“Most men will proclaim each his own goodness, But who can find a faithful man?”
Proverbs 20:6

“A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.”
Proverbs 17:17

II. THE FORGIVEN (4:9, 10b)

“5 And when they arrived in Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They also had John as their assistant.

13 Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem.”
Acts 13:5,13

“...Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.”
II Timothy 4:11b

“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”
Ephesians 4:32

III. THE FERVENT (4:12-13)

“And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.”
Luke 22:44

“...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”
James 5:16b

“praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—“
Ephesians 6:18

IV. THE FICKLE (4:14b)

“as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow laborers.”
Philemon 24

“for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, ...”
II Timothy 4:10a

“15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”
I John 2:15-17

“Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.”

Galatians 6:1

“12For it is not an enemy who reproaches me; Then I could bear it. Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me; Then I could hide from him.

13 But it was you, a man my equal, My companion and my acquaintance.

14 We took sweet counsel together, And walked to the house of God in the throng.

22 Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.”

Psalms 55:12-14,22