

Sunday Morning | January 29, 2017

FOUNDATIONS



FOLLOW THE LEADER

I. FAILURE TO FOLLOW

- A. Disobedience is the name of the pathway to failure.
- B. The pathway of disobedience will always lead to never-ending loops of ineffectiveness.
- C. Once you have passed the starting point of disobedience and hit the loops of ineffectiveness, you will then find yourself in a place where you have lost the fullness of fellowship and intimacy with Christ.

II. FOLLOWING THE LEADER FROM THE PATH OF FAILURE TO THE PATH OF FAITHFULNESS

TRUTH: Just as Jesus stood on the banks of the sea and called out to Peter and His disciples, inviting them back into relationship with Him, He calls to us this morning.

- A. We must understand and acknowledge our failure.
- B. Christ honors obedience, and when we obey Jesus we move from failure to success.

TRUTH: Martyn Lloyd-Jones wrote, "When God acts, He can do more in a minute than man with his organizing can do in fifty years."

TRUTH: If you are not fishing, you are not following.

- C. Relationship restored
 - 1) Jesus will be our provider.
 - 2) Jesus will serve us.
 - 3) Jesus will live in fellowship with us.

III. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A TRUE FOLLOWER

- A. Love is the foundational characteristic of a follower of Jesus.

TRUTH: People who love much, sacrifice much.

- B. Sacrifice is the second characteristic of a follower of Jesus.

IV. THERE IS FREEDOM IN FOLLOWING JESUS.

A. Jesus has a specific mission for each of His followers.

INVITATION

REALITY: Jesus is ready to bring you from failing to following; before you take the first step in following Jesus, understand that the path He will take you on must be defined by love and sacrifice. Will you follow the Leader?