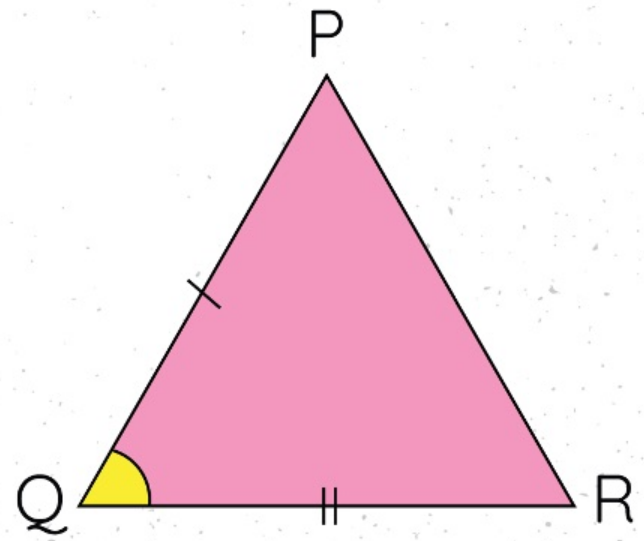
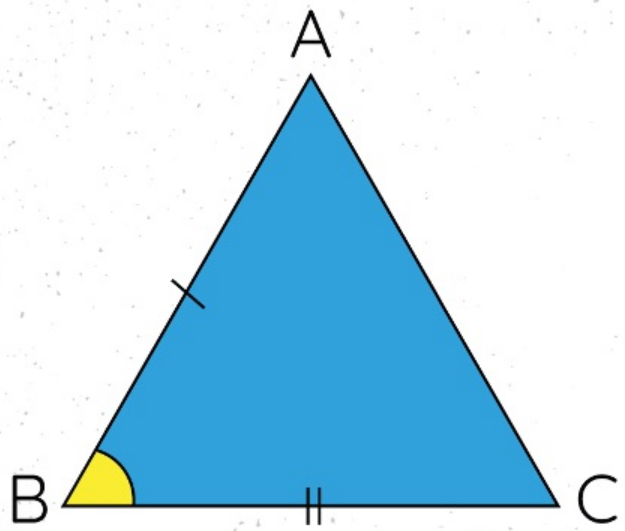


**ONLY** JESUS





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<sup>15</sup>Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. <sup>16</sup>For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.

1 JOHN 2:15-16 NLT



<sup>13</sup>“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.”

LUKE 16:13 NLT



<sup>31</sup>“So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. <sup>33</sup>Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”

# MATTHEW

## 6:31-33 NLT

You were created to  
follow and pursue a who,



not follow and  
pursue a what.





The first time Jesus  
asked someone to  
follow and pursue Him





<sup>18</sup>One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. <sup>19</sup>Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” <sup>20</sup>And they left their nets at once and followed him.



## MATTHEW 4:18-20 NLT



Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!” <sup>11</sup>And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

LUKE 5:10B-11 NLT



Three simple steps  
to only follow and  
pursue Jesus



Three simple steps to only follow and pursue Jesus

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» You have to unfollow yourself.





## Three simple steps to only follow and pursue Jesus

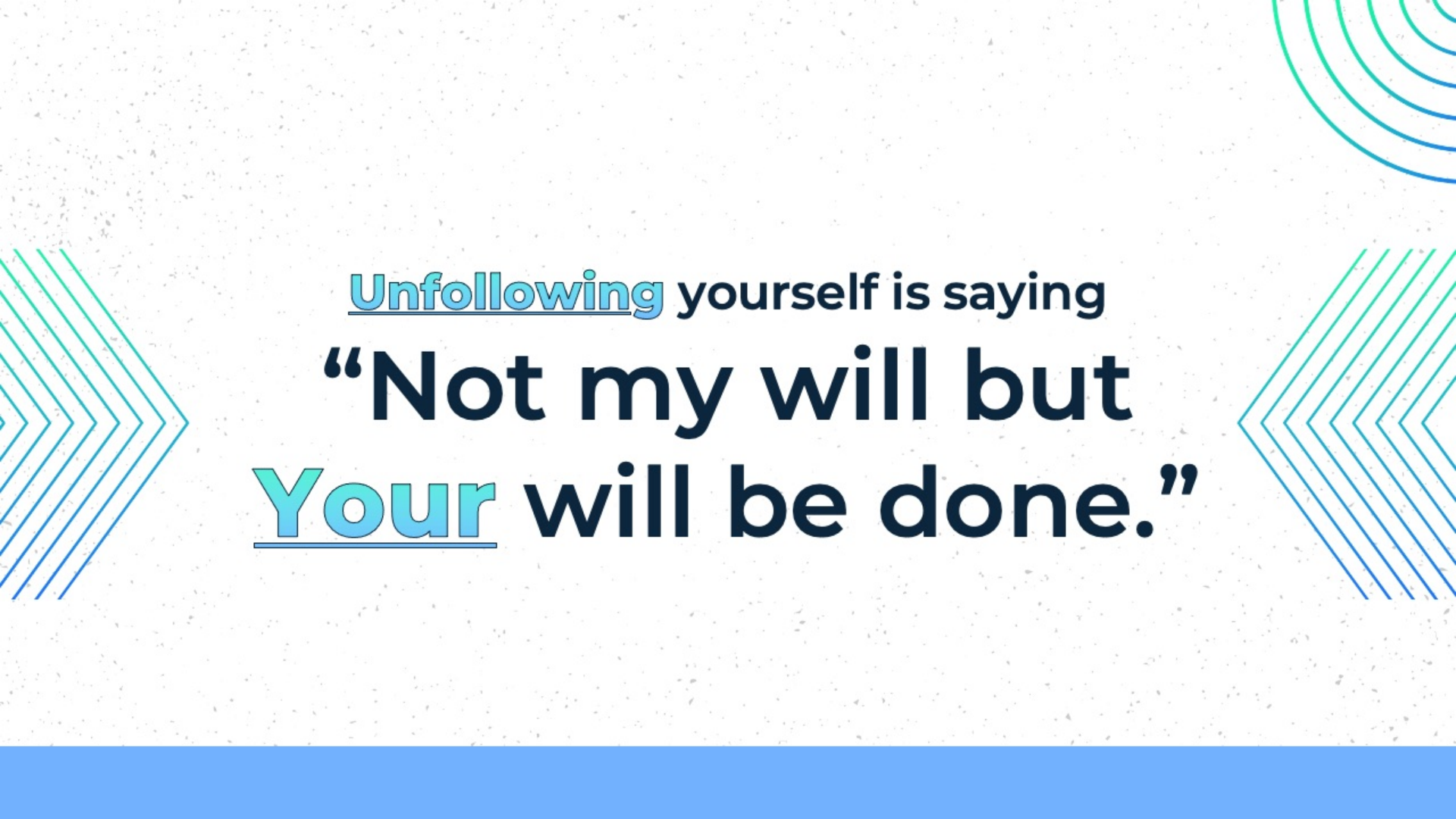
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<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. <sup>25</sup>If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

<sup>26</sup>And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?”

MATTHEW 16:24-26 NLT



Unfollowing yourself is saying  
“Not my will but  
Your will be done.”



Three simple steps to only follow and pursue Jesus

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» You have to go after Jesus.



Three simple steps to only follow and pursue Jesus

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» You have to go after Jesus.

Wherever Jesus  
goes, you go.





Three simple steps to only follow and pursue Jesus

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Wherever Jesus  
goes, you go.

Whatever Jesus  
does, you do.



Three simple steps to only follow and pursue Jesus

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» You have to go after Jesus.

Wherever Jesus goes, you go.

Whatever Jesus does, you do.

Whatever Jesus says, you listen.





<sup>22</sup>But God removed Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom God said, 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.'

ACTS 13:22 NLT



<sup>22</sup>But don't just listen to God's word.  
You must do what it says.  
Otherwise, you are only fooling  
yourselves.

JAMES 1:22 NLT



Three simple steps to only follow and pursue Jesus

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» You have to go after people.



**How do I know  
that I am truly  
following Jesus?**





How do I know that I am truly following Jesus?

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> Fruit



## How do I know that I am truly following Jesus?

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» Fruit

» You follow Jesus to where the broken and hurting people are.







<sup>16</sup>When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. <sup>17</sup>The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written:

LUKE 4:16-19 NLT




<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
for he has anointed me to bring  
Good News to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim that  
captives will be released, that the  
blind will see,

that the oppressed will be set free,

<sup>19</sup> and that the time of the Lord’s  
favor has come.”

LUKE 4:16-19 NLT



<sup>1</sup>Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. <sup>2</sup>There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. <sup>3</sup>He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.

LUKE 19:1-10 NLT



<sup>5</sup>When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. “Zacchaeus!” he said. “Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.”

<sup>6</sup>Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. <sup>7</sup>But the people were displeased. “He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,” they grumbled.

LUKE 19:1-10 NLT



<sup>8</sup>Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, “I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!”

<sup>9</sup>Jesus responded, “Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

LUKE 19:1-10 NLT