



Following the Way of Christ

Part 1

Opening Scripture

Luke 9:23-24

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

Remind yourself of what we have learned so far:

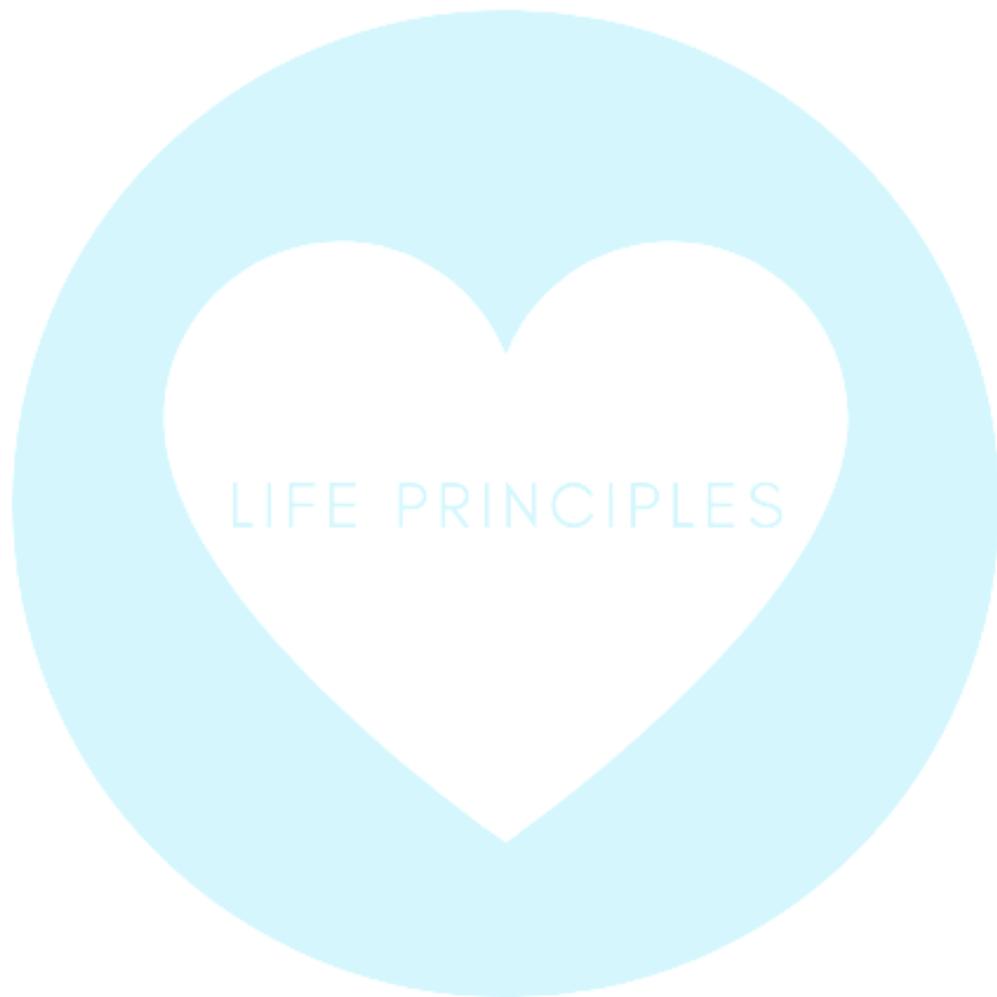
L _____ the Word

I _____ in Relationships

1.Me

- a. Mark 1:17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."
- b. Do we really want to follow the way of Christ? Even if it is different or not what we are used to?
- c. What does following someone really look like?

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2. Jesus defines what it means to _____

- a. **John 21:18-19** Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”
- b. He describes to Peter His death
- c. **Galatians 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
- d. We get easily distracted
- e. **John 21:20-21** Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?” Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!”

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3. Peter started to understand this

a. **1 Peter 2:21-25** For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

- i. We must die to _____
 - 1. Nicodemus had to be born again (John 3)
- ii. We must live to _____
 - 1. We must make an “about face”

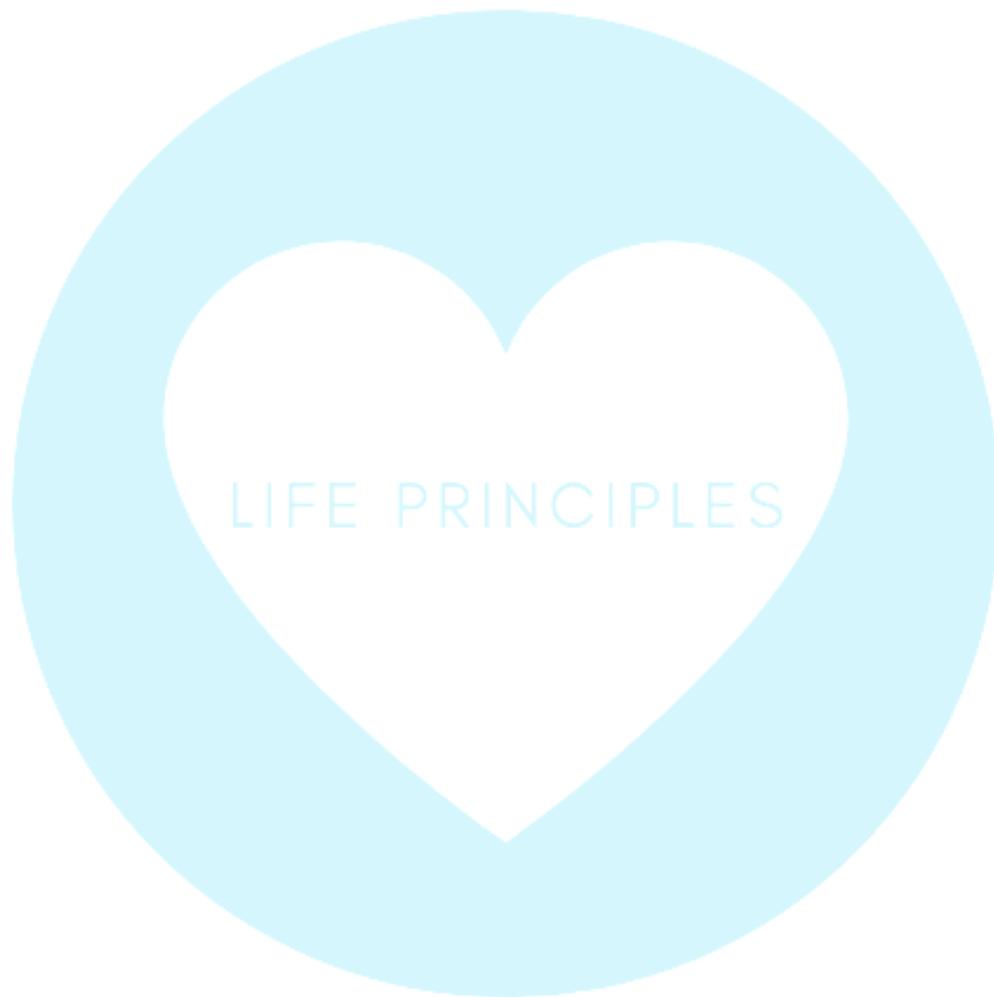
b. Paul’s Life is an example in Acts 9

c. Paul describes himself in 1 Timothy 1

d. Paul’s Response

- i. He calls Jesus Lord
- ii. And asks what to do
- iii. Paul calls us to follow him as an example (1 Corinthians 11:1)

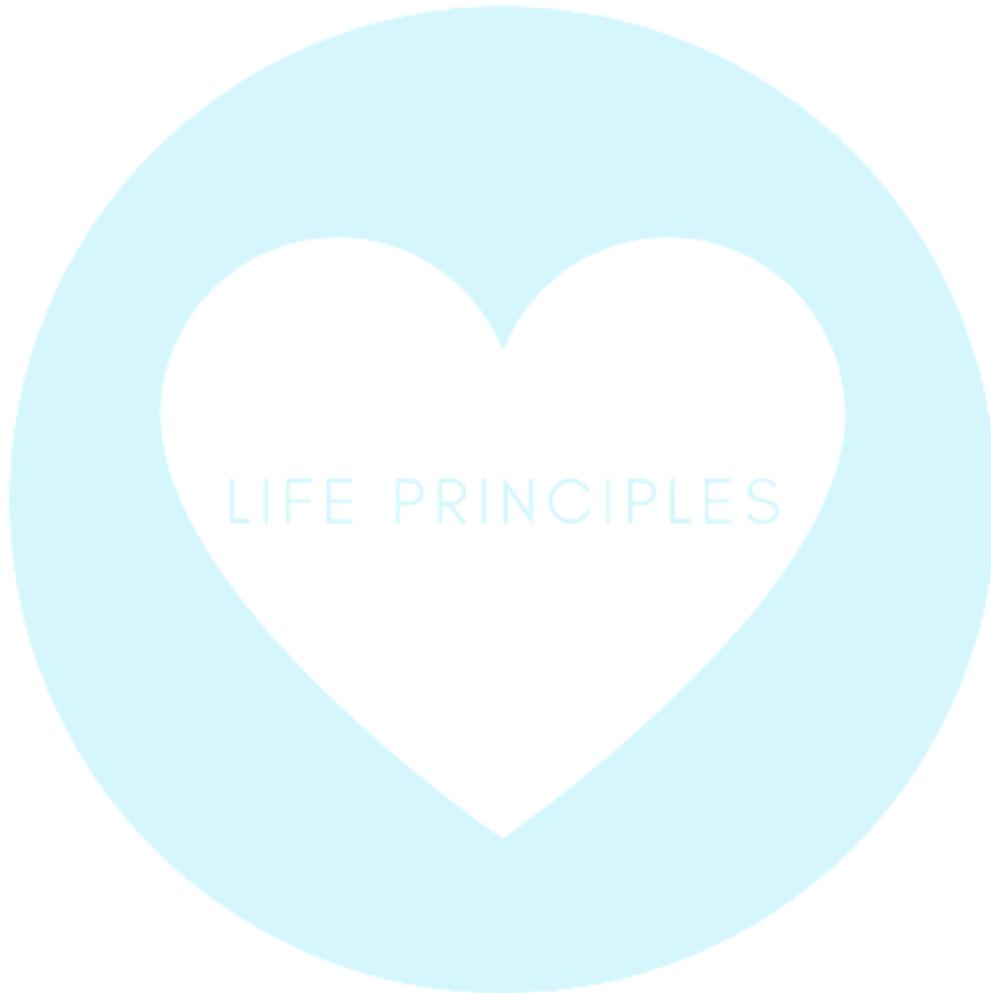
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Questions for Reflection

1. Are there any areas of your life that you do not follow Jesus well?
2. How do you need to die to sin?
3. How can you live to righteousness?



ANSWER KEY

1. Follow Me

2. Jesus defines what it means to follow

i. We must die to sin

ii. We must live to righteousness