

Commitment to Follow Jesus

A Lord's Flock Worship Service Topic

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God loves you and me, and in that love, we find our commitment.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:16).

Hence, we see that Jesus' commitment to us is visible. It is love that urges and compels us to follow Him.

1. What drives a decision to follow Jesus?

- 1.1. St. Paul said: "My life is Jesus Christ. My goal to follow Jesus is the only goal of my life" (Phil. 1:14-24). That life is all about love; that zeal is coming from the love of Jesus.
- 1.2. We have Jesus' commitment to us. His love defines us; it is not about our fragile commitment. We were created to worship and serve.
- 1.3. Freedom of choice means to do what is right or good. There is no freedom to choose wrong or a life without love. When love is removed, there is no "Me/Us."
- 1.4. Every time we choose to love, we follow Jesus. Everything against love is a betrayal to Jesus and to us.

2. Why do we need to follow Jesus?

- 2.1. We follow Jesus, because that is who we are. We are living the movement of life called love.
- 2.2. If we follow the Lord, people will follow us. What is life for Soar? It is all about Jesus. No matter how imperfect she is, she decided to reconfigure her life to follow Jesus. Soar's only goal is to lead all to the Lord; her commitment is rooted on God's commitment.
- 2.3. Any commitment to the Lord is an expression of His commitment to us. Parents fulfill their commitment to God

when their children follow Jesus, talk about Jesus, and proclaim the life of Jesus.

- 2.4. For any person who loves, offering one's life is light. On the contrary, when there is no love, even getting a glass of water feels heavy.
- 2.5. Let us proclaim Jesus instead of talking about the grandeur of our work. When we talk about ourselves, Jesus failed in us.

3. What stops us from following Jesus?

- 3.1. When we begin to blame people for what is happening in our lives, we are failures. We must go back to Jesus to renew our commitment.
- 3.2. In our community, some members take a break (lapse) when they get tired, bored, or disillusioned with the imperfections of others. However, we must bear in mind that we are together despite our differences because of the Lord. His love for us is the same love that He has for others who are different from us.
- 3.3. When we start to complain, accuse, or get tired, maybe the Lord is not in us anymore.

4. How do we show our COMMITMENT to follow Jesus? We must listen to His Word:

- 4.1. **Love** our enemies. Only a person committed to the Lord can love enemies.
- 4.2. **Forgive** 70x7 times.
- 4.3. **Be** an inspiration to love the people who may have hurt us, or we consider enemies.

Conclusion:

Jesus showed His commitment not just by His public life. He demonstrated it through His suffering and death. Thus, let us strive to live a purposeful life. Let us love and follow the Lord and commit to the Church.

Reflection:

1. What is keeping you from fully giving your commitment to Jesus?
2. Which of Jesus' words/commands is the most difficult for you to do?

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