

Genesis 24:5

And the servant said to him, "Perhaps the woman will not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I take your son back to the land from which you came?"

When I first started to write today's devotional based upon the phrase "**Follow Me**," I originally intended to write it on a familiar verse to us all:

† **Matthew 4:19** *Then He said to them, "**Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.**"*

But when I did a search for the phrase "**Follow me**" I found out that today's devotional verse was the first account in the bible of that phrase being said. This account was when Abraham sent his oldest servant to get a bride for his son Isaac, with Abraham giving his servant the following instructions.

† **Genesis 24:3-4** *and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell; but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac.*

And today's devotional verse being the servant's question, wanting clarification on what he was to do. It reminded me of how one day, very, very soon, Jesus will come back for His bride once the Father (God) says it's time for Jesus to take us home.

† **Mark 13:32** *But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.*

Yet how many times do we think of that phrase, "**follow me**," but use it incorrectly or backwards? Think about it, we are told to pursue or seek after God.

† **Deuteronomy 4:29** *But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.*

But are we sometimes pursuing God so that He will follow us, instead of us following Him? We think things like: "*OK, here's my plan God, now follow close behind me in case I need your help, then jump in and take over when I do.*"

I know that sounds like a crazy statement, yet how many times do we do that? Even in our prayer time it's like, "*OK God, here is what I need You to do*" instead of praying for God's guidance for our lives. Yet we seem to forget Jesus' words about what to seek first.

† **Matthew 6:33** *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

The Lord's will should not be an afterthought in our lives or a last resort after we have messed up, or when "our: plans fail. No the Lord's will, and following His will, and not our own should always be first.

Simply, don't pursue the Lord so that He will follow you, but rather pursue the Lord so that you can follow Him, because remember HE leads us to still waters, we don't lead Him to them.

† **Psalm 23:2-3** *He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.*

One more thought, maybe one reason we are not catching fish, is we are telling God to follow us to the fishing pond, instead of Him telling us what fishing pond to go fish in.

† **Mark 1:17** *Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."*

† **Acts 16:6-8 (NLT2)** *Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time. Then coming to the borders of Mysia, they headed north for the province of Bithynia, but again the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to go there. So instead, they went on through Mysia to the seaport of Troas.*