

Matthew 9:9

As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.

Jesus says, "**Follow Me**" but we say, "No Jesus, You follow me."

We even sing a song that says, "Show Me Your way Lord, show me Your way."

And how many mean it when they sing it, but then they add, "After You show me Your way, I'll decide if I want to take Your way, or another way."

It may be because we sugarcoat the path that Jesus took. Telling other to turn to Jesus and everything will be all right. So they do then things happen. They may lose a loved one or a friend, or their job or home, or get divorced or go bankrupt, or whatever happens as part of everyday life.

So many seem to forget that we all have struggles and trials and that the Christian walk is no different than the non-Christian walk. Even Jesus said: **for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.**

Matthew 5:45b Meaning good and bad things happen to both the Christian, as well as the non-Christian.

Yet, what makes the road better is who you are walking it with. But many will say that they are walking the road of life with Jesus, but they are trying to lead the way as they walk this road, and are not allowing Jesus to lead.

An example would be, a man and woman dancing and they even have dancing competition shows on TV, one known as Dancing with the Stars.

In dancing, the man is the one who leads the dance, Period. But if the woman does not like the way the man is leading the dance, she will try to force him to follow her lead instead of her following his. The result is disaster and they will look clumsy and possibly even fall on the dance floor, so much so that others wouldn't want to dance with him or her, and they will lose the dance competition.

On the other hand, there is nothing more beautiful than a man and woman who are in perfect sync with one another when they are dancing, as the man is leading and the woman is submissive to his leading. Others see it and say that they too want to be able to dance with someone like that.

So it is with our walk with the Lord, people watch our Christian walk. You know that one reason they may not want to walk that same walk you walk with Jesus is that you are trying to lead the way, not allowing the Lord to lead, so you look like that clumsy dance couple, falling all over the place.

So let go, relax and allow the Lord to lead this walk that we call life, or the dance of life. Because if you fast-forward to the end, you find out that Jesus already won the

competition already on the cross, as He allowed the Father (God) to lead His life here on the earth as a man!

† **Jeremiah 31:13** *Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, And the young men and the old, together; For I will turn their mourning to joy, will comfort them, and make them rejoice rather than sorrow.*