

## Introduction

### Let's Look At Some Guidelines For Following Jesus:

# What Does It Mean To Follow Jesus?

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**Acts 9:1-6** <sup>1</sup> Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. <sup>6</sup> "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

**Acts 9:19b-27** <sup>19</sup> Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. <sup>20</sup> At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>21</sup> All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" <sup>22</sup> Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ. <sup>23</sup> After many days had gone by, the Jews conspired to kill him, <sup>24</sup> but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. <sup>25</sup> But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall. <sup>26</sup> When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. <sup>27</sup> But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus.

1. Following Jesus begins with an \_\_\_\_\_
  - It starts with a \_\_\_\_\_
  - It involves \_\_\_\_\_
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2. Following Jesus requires a \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Following Jesus comes from a sense of \_\_\_\_\_  
from God
4. Following Jesus is accomplished through \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Conclusion: A Real Life Story

### A New Year's \_\_\_\_\_ To Follow Jesus

Commit to follow Jesus:

- ✓ More nearly
- ✓ Love Him more dearly
- ✓ Keep His commandments more sincerely