



**Choosing To Let Jesus Lead
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Everything is asking for our lives. The decision that sits before us is: who or what will I let lead?

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?" Matthew 16:24-26

Another said, "Yes, Lord, I will follow you, but first let me say good-bye to my family." But Jesus told him, "Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God." Luke 9:61-62 NLT

1. The voice of culture tries to promise us **comfort** and **control**.

2. The voice of Jesus asks us to **surrender** and **follow**.

The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them and they follow him because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice. John 10:3-5 NLT

3. The promise of Jesus is the **fullness** of life.

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." John 14:6 NLT

4. Jesus doesn't save us **from** the world, but rather saves us **for** the world.

Reflection Question: Have you just made a decision for Jesus? Or have you committed to Jesus?