



“Follow Me”

2 Peter 1:16-19 ¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. ¹⁹ We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

1. Why do you think God seems to lift up David in the OT and Peter in the NT as examples for us to take note of? How have they been helpful to you in seeking God or following Jesus?
2. Read 2 Peter 1:16-19 above. Here and in the account of the transfiguration (Matt 17:1-9) we are confronted with the identity and mission of Jesus as the promised Savior and Son of God. C.S. Lewis argues (in *Mere Christianity*) that we cannot dismiss Jesus as just a great moral teacher if he claimed to be the Son of God, as he is either desperately evil (a liar), totally insane (a lunatic) or He is who he claimed to be. Why do you think the identity and mission of Jesus is so important for a follower to embrace and why do so many struggle with allowing it to impact how we live?
3. Throughout his life Peter demonstrated an ability to hear and humbly obey the voice of God even when he continued to make mistakes (e.g. Acts 10, Gal 2:11-16, etc). He also seemed to understand the mission of God and his place in it as a royal priest who is to bring shalom (heaven) to earth until it is fully realized with Christ’s return. In what ways have you experienced these things as you have sought to follow Jesus in your life? What choices have you made (or can you make) that have taken you closer to God’s mission?