



Luke 9:57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."
58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." (ESV)

1. Remember _____ (v.57)

2. Topple _____ (v.58)

3. Gladly _____ (v.58)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Titus 1:16**; **1 John 2:4**; and **Luke 6:46-49**. Why do you think so much of modern Christianity tends to act as though words speak louder than deeds?
2. Read **Philippians 3:17-19**. What are some of the specific temptations in our culture (and in your life) that entice God's people to make a "god" out of earthly things?
3. Read **1 Timothy 6:17-19**. How do you think Christians can sincerely "enjoy" the good things God provides without making those things their heart's "treasure" and their definition of "real life"?
4. Read **Matthew 19:20-22**. Describe a situation in your life when God clearly needed you to lay aside an earthly idol.
5. Read **Matthew 19:27-30**. How do these words from Christ help you keep earthly sacrifices in perspective?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

February 8th

Lev. 4-6 & Mt. 25:1-30

February 9th

Lev. 7-9 & Mt. 25:31-46

February 10th

Lev. 10-12 & Mt. 26:1-19

February 11th

Lev. 13 & Mt. 26:20-54

February 12th

Lev. 14 & Mt. 26:55-75

February 13th

Lev. 15-17 & Mt. 27:1-31

February 14th

Lev. 18-19 & Mt. 27:32-66

February 15th

Lev. 20-21 & Mt. 28:1-20

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 14-35 – **When Following Him is Painful**

Msg. 08-14 – **How to Get Eternal Life: Things that Stand in the Way**

Msg. 07-17 – **Boldly Following God's Path for My Life**

Msg. 07-18 – **Trusting God When Hope Seems Lost**

Msg. 12-15 – **A Map for Mountain Climbers**

Msg. 08-16 – **How to Get Eternal Life: Why It's All Worth It**

Msg. 13-33 – 13-35 – **ATAPAT** (a 3-part series on following Christ in any situation)

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

#FatalExcuses

For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Alcorn, Randy. **Money, Possessions, and Eternity**. Tyndale House, 2003.

Beale, G. K. **We Become What We Worship: A Biblical Theology of Idolatry**. InterVarsity Press, 2008.

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Foxe, John. **Foxe's Book of Martyrs**. The John C. Winston Co., 1926.

Hefley, James and Marti. **By Their Blood: Christian Martyrs of the 20th Century**. Baker Books, 1996.

Kistler, Don. **Trust and Obey: Obedience and the Christian**. Soli Deo Gloria Ministries, 1997.

Kroll, Woodrow. **Struggling with Selfishness: Choosing to Look Past Yourself**. Back to the Bible, 1996.

MacArthur, John. **The Gospel According to Jesus**. Zondervan, 1988.

McKeehan, Toby & Mark Heimermann. **Jesus Freaks: Stories of Those Who Stood for Jesus**. Albury Publishing, 1999.

Morgan, Christopher. **Suffering and the Goodness of God**. Crossway, 2008.

Piper, John. **The Roots of Endurance: Perseverance in the Lives of Newton, Simeon & Wilberforce**. Crossway, 2006.

Thoenness, K. Erik. **Godly Jealousy: A Theology of Intolerant Love**. Christian Focus Publications, 2005.

Tozer, A. W. **The Pursuit of God**. Reprint. Christian Publications, 1982.

Water, Mark, ed. **The New Encyclopedia of Christian Martyrs**. Baker Books, 2001.

White, Jerry. **Choosing Plan A in a Plan B World: Living Out the Lordship of Christ**. NavPress, 1987.