

The Weatherly Weekly

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Follow His Steps

Adapted

Peter wrote, "For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps" (1 Pet. 2:21). We are to learn from our savior, not only from His teachings but also from His example of how He lived as a man in this world. The Hebrews writer notes, along this line, "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weakness, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15).

Jesus came, not to live above man as pure deity, but to live among man, as man. In so doing, He went through all of the same kinds of experiences as do we. He can thus relate to us in a very special, personal way. And we can relate to Him, knowing that He has experienced what we experience. Of course, there is a big difference between how He lived here and how we live here. He faced what we face without sinning.

But that's not ALL that we learn from Jesus' sojourn. Paul writes, "Let this mind be in you

which was also in Christ Jesus, Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:5-8). He willingly gave up heaven equality with God in order to become our Savior. The text says, "He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death..." Becoming a man and ultimately allowing Himself to be crucified on the cross, He served as the perfect sacrifice to cover the guilt of our sins (2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 10:10,12). Notice that He became "obedient." He went through the process of learning obedience, not for His benefit but for ours (Heb. 5:8-9).

Jesus taught us, not just through His teachings, but also through His living examples. Two questions: Have we learned from His examples? And, are we living by His examples? ☐

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK OCTOBER 14	NEXT WEEK OCTOBER 21
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Will Starks	Will Starks
Song Leader	David Jacks	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	W.D. Patrick	Phil Furlough
Scripture Reading	Wes Caudle	Philip Dill
Closing Prayer	Charley Skinner	Doyle Wray
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	David Jacks	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Collis Terry	Will Starks
Closing Prayer	Nick Holland	Gene Preston
Wednesday PM	OCTOBER 17	OCTOBER 24
Song Leader	Mike Coward	Terry Childress
Invitation	Mike McLemore	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer	Bobby Wright	Jim Risner
Group Meeting	Group 2	Group 3

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2018

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Fulfilled Prophecy
Steve Hagewood

ADULT CLASSROOM

Co-Parenting with God
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Hebrews: Don't Go Back!
Mike McLemore



2019 WEATHERLY LECTURES

Speakers to Be Announced
May 2-5, 2019

Weatherly's Shepherds

Louis Garrett	(256) 883-7785
Tommy Hill	(256) 883-0010
Will Starks	(256) 883-5273
Forest Summers	(256) 348-2251

Evangelist

Michael W. McLemore (256) 698-5941
Email: mmclemore@weatherlychurch.com

Weatherly's Deacons

Phil Furlough	Steve Hagewood	Ron Harmon
Kirk Hatcher	David Jacks	Hill Roberts
Collis Terry	Bobby Wright	

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Assembly	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Assembly	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

September	Ken Cavender
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Jimmy Harbin Ron Holland Tommy Hill ** Gene Preston Jim Ehl Clark Boles Riley Monroe
** Overseer	
Lord's Supper PM	Kirk Hatcher ** John Stokes
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Terry & Kim Barnett
Side Door	W.D. & LaNelle Patrick
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Harmon & Starks
Communion Prep	Cathy Preston
Building Lockup	Jared Jimison

Fundamentals of Following

By Dan S. Shipley

"THEN JESUS SAID UNTO HIS Disciples, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24).

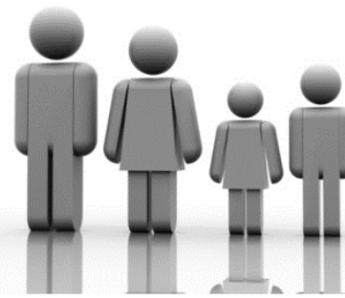
What a profound statement! In one short sentence Jesus sums up the essence of discipleship. Here is the heart of the matter: the decision, the duty, the denial and the direction – all of which are fundamental in following Christ. To begin with, note the conditional aspects of this following. "If" one follows Christ it is necessary that he do certain things (the doing of which in no way implies any merited or earned favor). "If" also implies the necessity of making a choice. One may or may not decide to follow Christ, but decide he must. The term "would" (*thelo*) indicates volition, an exercise of the will. Many would-be disciples have simply not made up their minds to be wholehearted followers of the Lord. Not that they have not changed a few externals; not that they have not decided to be religious or to "join the church" – they have just not settled the matter as to whether Christ will be Lord of their lives. That is the real decision and making that one also settles hundreds of little "side" issues so bothersome to so many. No man can be a faithful follower until this first "if" is decided, and even then, it is just the beginning.

Accordingly, deciding "yes" about following Christ means deciding "no" about serving self – "let him deny himself" Jesus says. This includes, but is not limited to, putting away things. It means developing proper attitudes toward self; learning that ...ye are not your

own; for ye were bought with a price" (1 Corinthians 6:19,20). Here is the real battleground of the soul; self must be conquered and controlled if Christ is to be followed (Romans 7:22,23; 1 Corinthians 9:25-27).

Then every follower must "take up his cross" – this involves every duty and responsibility in connection with serving the Lord. As the term "cross of Christ" is sometimes used in a general way to show all that Christ has done for sinful man (1 Corinthians 1:18; Galatians 6:12), taking up our cross includes all that we do for the Lord. And, as indicated in Luke 14:27, each must bear his "own cross." There can be no representative involvement. As Christ's cross was peculiarly His and none other could have done what He did, so it is with ours. You must bear your cross, you must do the will of the Father as Jesus did (John 17:4). (It is neither legalistic nor anti-grace to teach that men MUST do something to please God – in fact it is unscriptural and anti-scriptural to teach otherwise!) Without this personal cross-bearing Jesus says, you "cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26).

Finally, following Christ involves the matter of direction, as is clearly suggested in "come after me" and "follow me." Remember, the initial decision was WHETHER to follow Christ, not HOW. To do as self pleases and call it following the Lord violates every fundamental Jesus deals with in this proclamation. To follow is to live by His word (Matthew 4:4); to do ALL in His name (Colossians 3:17); to abide in His doctrine (2 John 9). "Where He leads me..." Will you? ☐



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Betty Reavis is seeking an additional opinion regarding her condition. Please pray that her doctors can sort out her Chemo and the decline in her blood count. Your continuing prayers for **Betty** and for **Bill** are solicited.

Melvin Godette still suffers from lower back pain and numbness in both legs. He is scheduled for surgery on October 22nd to replace his nerve stimulator. Say his name to the Lord as you pray.

Michael Preston is doing much better. We were thrilled to see him at worship on the Lord's Day and also Wednesday night. Pray for him to continue to improve. His doctor has not cleared him to return to work as of yet.

Jimmie Nell McLemore, **Mike's** mother, is doing much better. She had a rather serious set back last Sunday, but she seems to have bounded back. The best indication of her improvement is that she wants to go home. We are praying that the physical therapy will get her back on her feet soon.

Mike Gore continues his war with cancer. Pray for **Mike**, **Sandra** and **Aaron**.

Hill Roberts' father, **Don**, remains on our prayer list. Remember **Hill** as he travels to and from to help his parents.

Barbara Jean Woodard, **Glenda Cavender** and **Ann Summers** all have a daily need for your prayers

Marty Hunt's brother, **Michael**, remains on our prayer list. Your prayers

are appreciated.

New Members

The last two weeks we have been blessed to have Christians express a desire to work and worship with us at Weatherly. Help us welcome them

Laura McKnight
2301 Meadowbrook Dr. SW, Ap 114
Huntsville, Alabama 35803

Bill & Karen Thompson
4849 Cove Creek Drive SE
Brownsboro, Alabama 35741

Tonight at 5 pm

Remember we meet at 5 pm for our annual Fall Study Series. Bring a friend!

SUNDAY STUDY SERIES NIGHT

Group Two Meets Tonight

Group Two, led by **Phil Furlough** meets immediately after our evening assembly in the back classroom. Plan to attend your group meeting. ☐



Weatherly Birthdays

10-11 Caryl Ehl	10-14 Janeth Hagewood
10-24 Amanda Jimison	10-26 Chris Ferrell
10-27 Jimmy Harbin	10-27 Dwight Ivey
10-29 Charlotte Hagewood	

If My Eyes Could See Unknown

If my eyes could see what His eyes see perhaps I would not be so quick to judge the brother who has a bad attitude, or the sister who always seems to be struggling. If my eyes could see I would see the pain that may have caused the bad attitude, and heightened the struggle.

If my eyes could see as His eyes see maybe I would be more patient with my children when they act like children. If my eyes could see as His eyes see, I would see the pain I have caused Him with my own childish behavior, and I could also see His patience.

If my eyes could see the things His eyes see, I would be less distressed over what is happening today, and more hopeful about what will happen tomorrow. If my eyes could see the things His eyes see, my heart would be full, and my resolve would be strong.

If my eyes could see like His eyes can see I would be more careful of who I condemn and less selective with who I forgive. I would ignore more offenses, and lower my defenses.

If my eyes could see what His eyes can see, I would say less and listen more. I would rush less and really participate more. I would argue less and understand more. I would demand less and accept more. I would criticize less and encourage more.

If my eyes could see as His eyes can see, I could see others the way He looks at me.

Father, I want my eyes to see more like You see, and less like I see. Open our eyes, Lord, and help us to see. ☐

Weekly Walk!