

## FOLLOWING JESUS

Abraham (Abram) was commanded by God to leave home and follow Him.

Abraham was commanded to leave many things behind.

What is God commanding you to leave behind in 2016?

Obviously we need to leave behind sin, which is any kind of disobedience to God and His Word.

The acts of sin are obvious. (See Galatians 5:19-21)

Sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, orgies and the like.

If any of those things are in our lives, we need to leave them behind.

Christianity is defined by what we do, more than what we don't do.

Christianity is defined by how we follow Jesus.

God cannot make us great if we refuse to leave where we are (spiritually).

Sin will bring about bondage, fear, discouragement, depression and a negative self image.

Satan will take a foothold in your life through sin or the effects of sin if you allow it to continue.

### **1. I need to leave \_\_\_\_\_ and follow God. (Let the Holy Spirit fill in the blank)**

You have to be willing to follow.

You have to be willing to leave those things behind that drag you down.

Abraham made a choice to follow God. Have you?

### **2. God will remain faithful to love you.**

Fear is a powerful motivator, Abraham lied because of fear.

Have you been dealing with any fear, anxiety or depression?

God's love is the antidote to fear.

We need to know by experience how much God loves us.

Experiencing God's love comes from following Him.

You must know that God's love is not based on your performance.

You must know and rely on His love.

Don't let the devil take a foothold in your emotions.

### **3. The Lord wants to bless me and make me a blessing.**

Be generous, not just with finances but be generous of heart, generous of spirit.

Be generous in sharing God's love with other people.

He wants to put you in a place where you can rescue others.

### **Questions:**

1. What do you need to leave behind in order to follow God?
2. Are you knowing and relying on God's love?
3. Who does God want you to care enough about to bless or to rescue?

## **SCRIPTURE LIST**

Genesis 12:1-20

Galatians 5:19-21

Luke 9:23

1 John 4:18

1 John 4:7

Romans 4:3