

Follow  
Jesus  
Christ





# The Main Goal

✓ Follow Jesus Christ in the fullness of the Spirit

○ Four parts as ways for us to live out this main goal.





# Let's Look at the Obvious

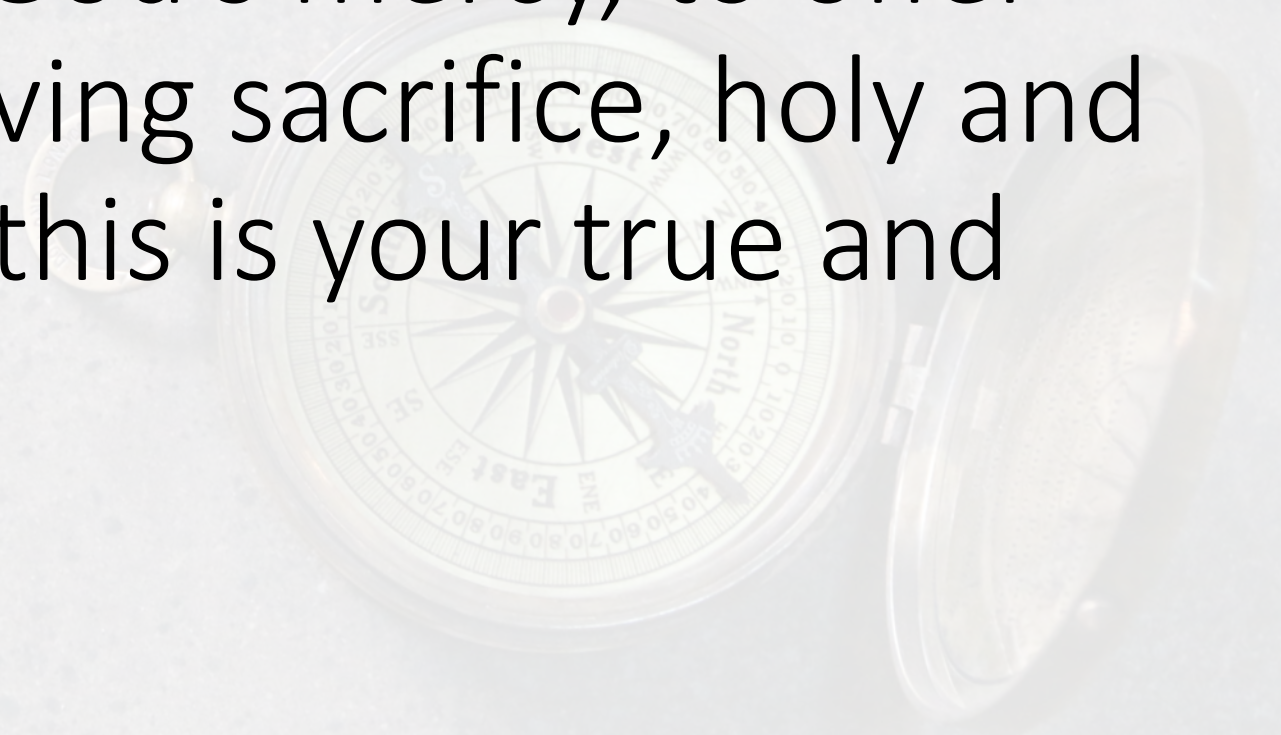
We are not looking for something  
new here





## Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship...





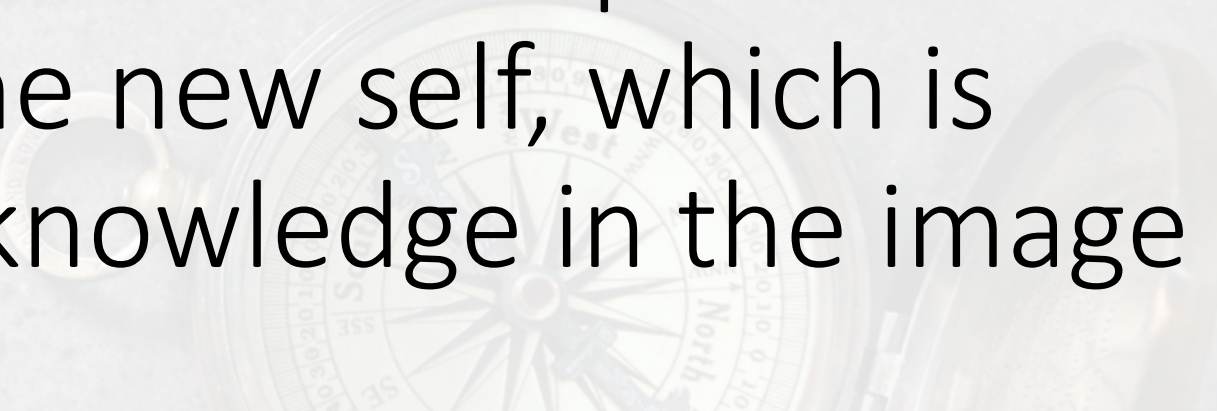
## Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.



## Colossians 3:9-10 (NIV)

Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.





We need renewal!

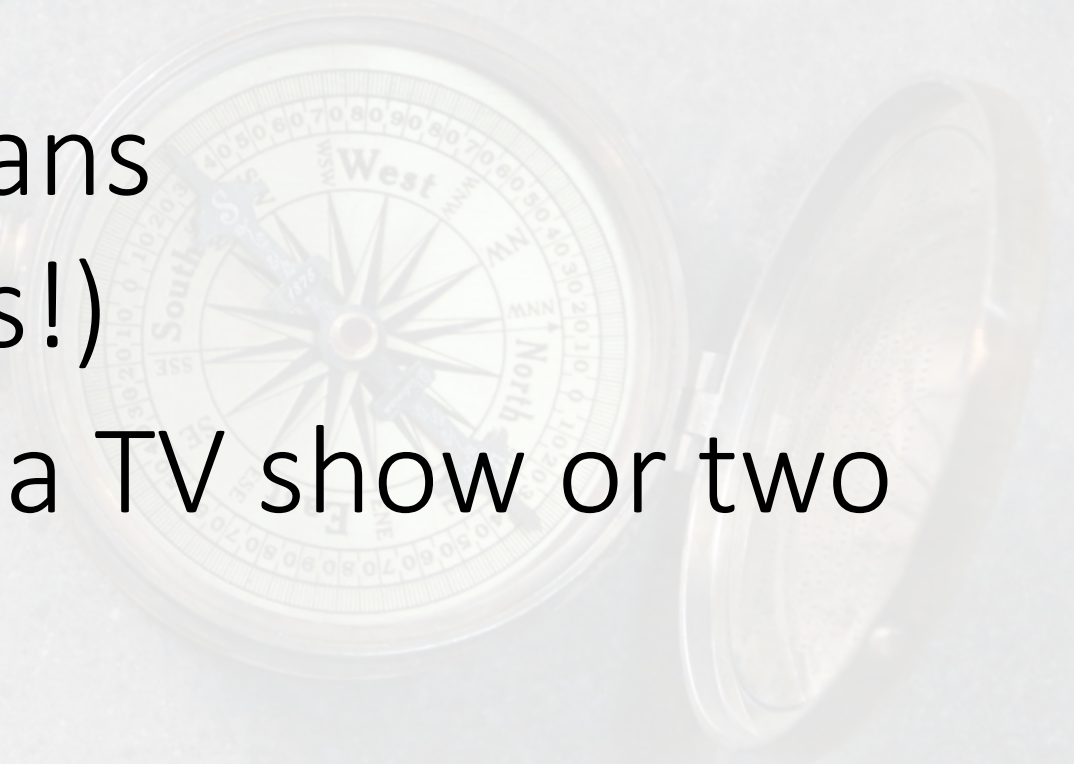
Let's renew ourselves with how to move forward according to the Scriptures





# Following...

- ✓ Some of you follow Sports teams
  - The Bears fans
  - The Notre Dame fans
  - (The Clemson Fans!)
- ✓ Some of you follow a TV show or two





# Following...

- ✓ Follow someone on Twitter (What's a tweet?)
- ✓ Follow someone on Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, etc.
- ✓ Some people may follow what Facebook, Google, and Amazon do



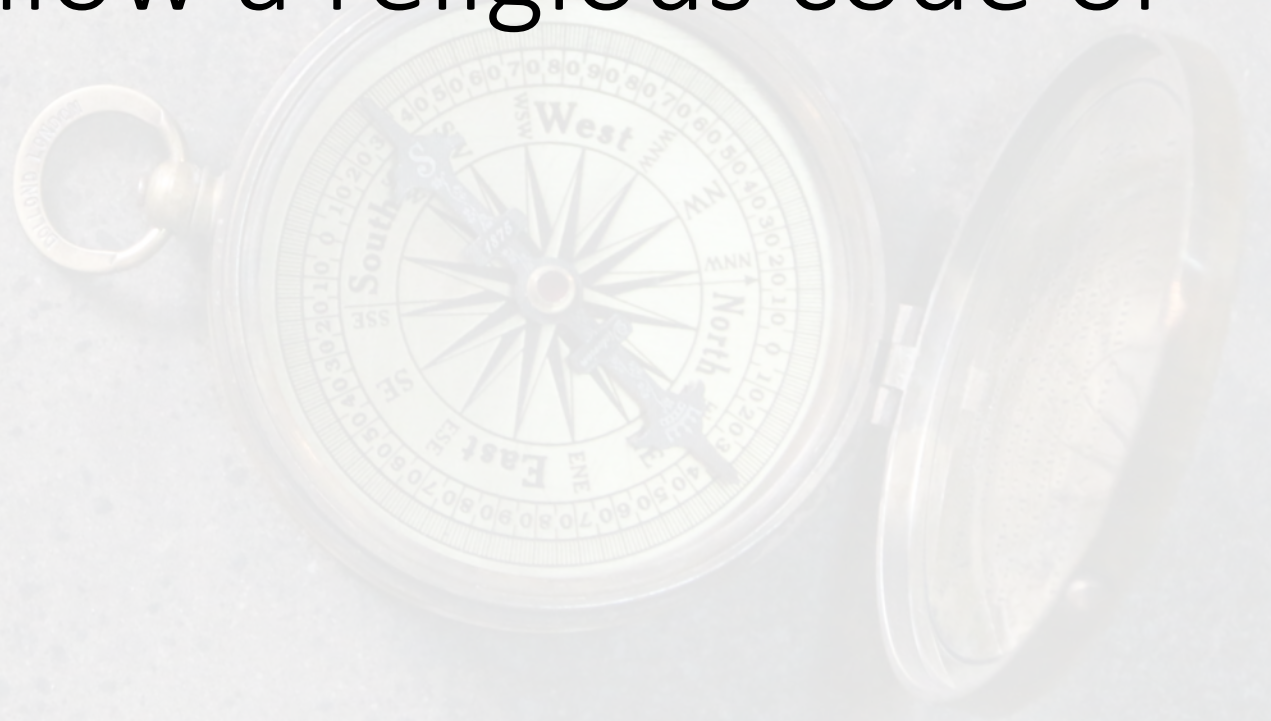
## Following...

- ✓ Some of you may follow a radio station
- ✓ Maybe you are a good rule follower
- ✓ Most children (especially at an early age) model or follow their parents
  - You meet the parent, and then you understand the child!



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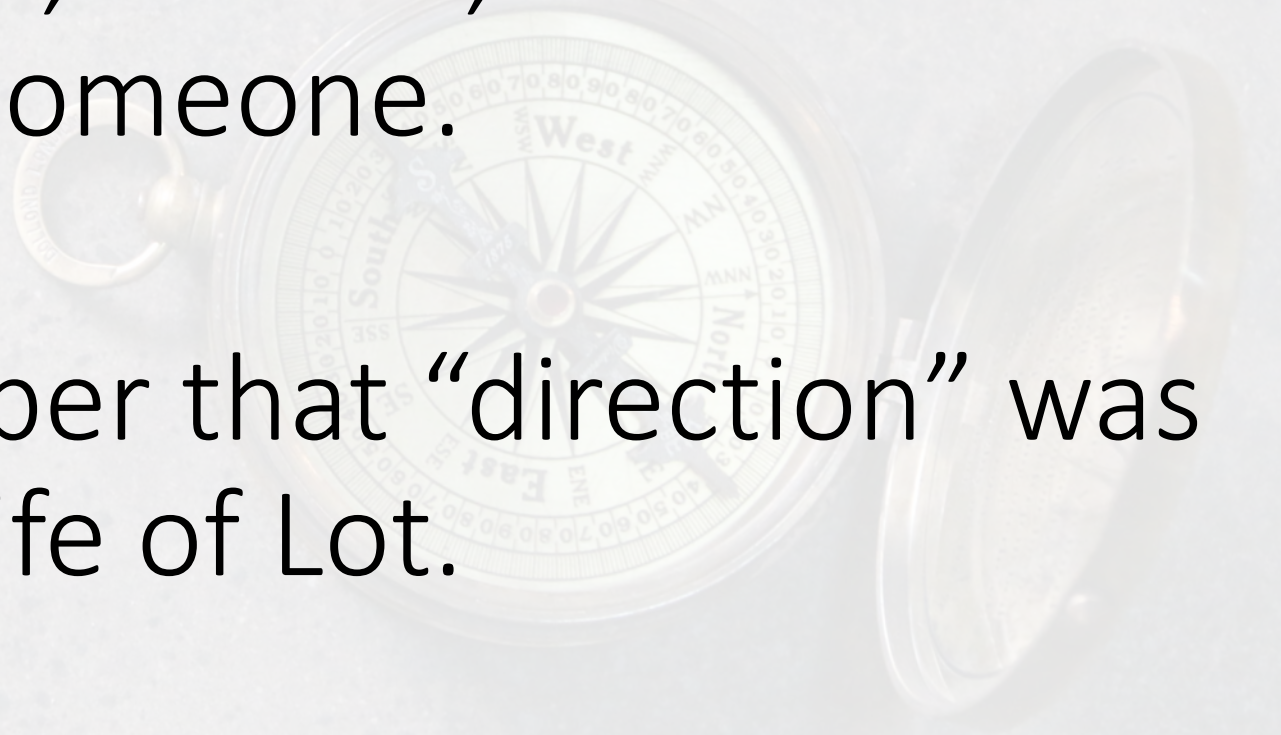
- ✓ Follow a sibling or a friend
- ✓ Many people follow a religious code or a code of ethics





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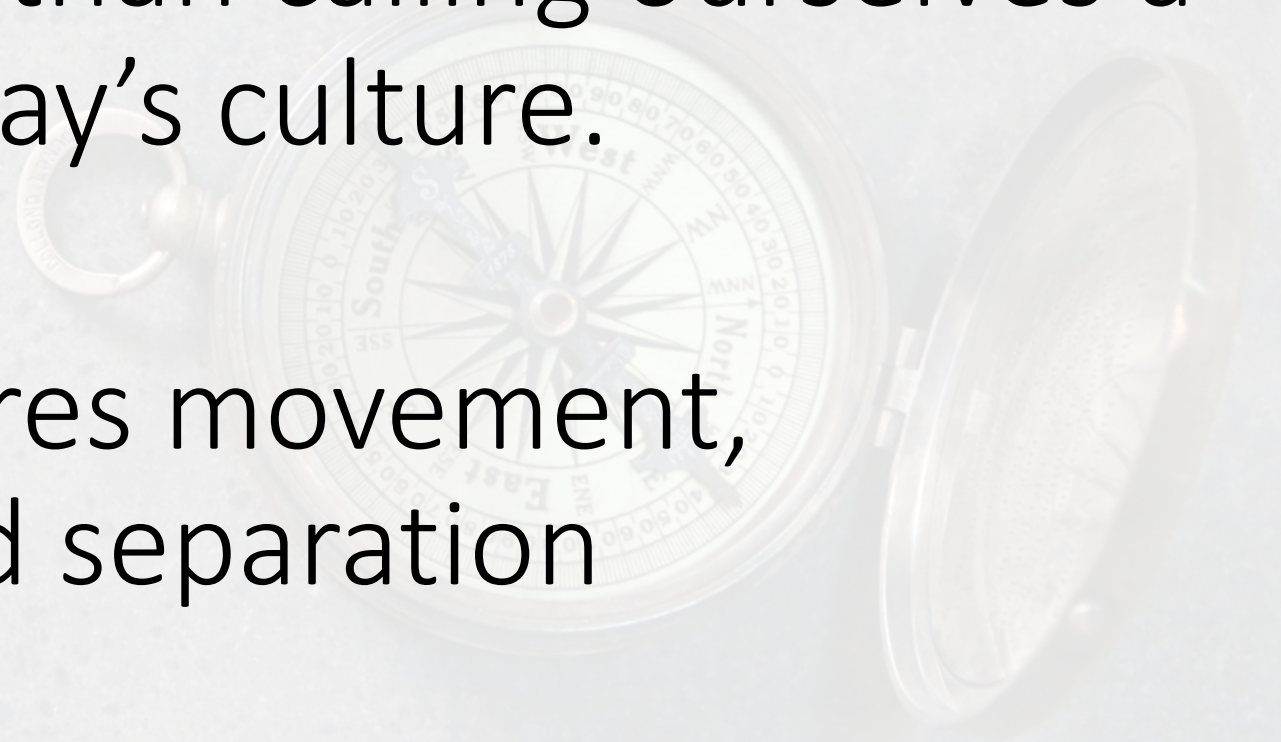
- ✓ The idea of following is an intentional focus on the ideas, desires, and direction of something or someone.
- ✓ You will remember that “direction” was a big deal in the life of Lot.





# Following...

- ✓ I think “following” Jesus Christ helps us be a little clearer than calling ourselves a “Christian” in today’s culture.
- ✓ Following requires movement, commitment, and separation





# Some Verses on Following Jesus





## Matthew 4:19, 25 (ESV)

And [Jesus] said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ... And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.



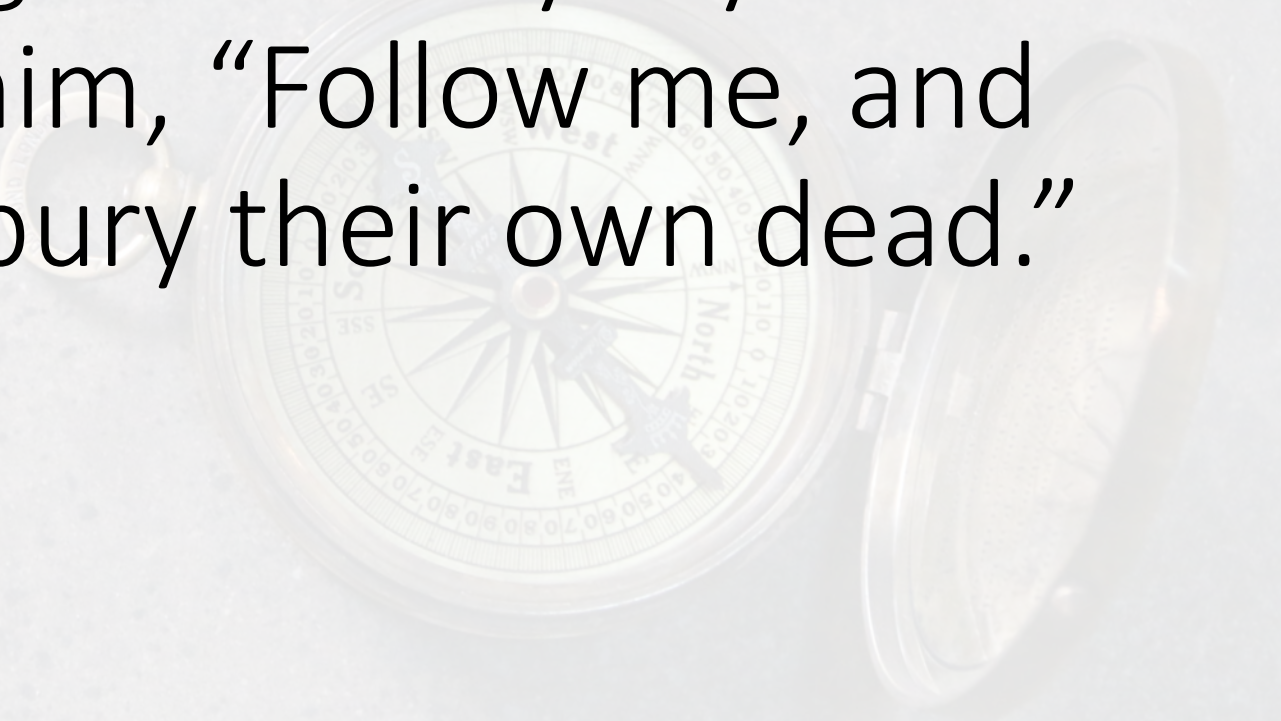
## Matthew 19-22 (ESV)

And a scribe came up and said to him, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.” 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....”



## Matthew 19-22 (ESV)

Another of the disciples said to him,  
“Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”  
And Jesus said to him, “Follow me, and  
leave the dead to bury their own dead.”





## Matthew 19:21-22 (ESV)

Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.



## Matthew 19:27 (ESV)

Then Peter said in reply, “See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?”





## Matthew 26:58 (ESV)

And Peter was following him at a distance,  
as far as the courtyard of the high priest,  
and going inside he sat with the guards to  
see the end.





Let's Follow Jesus Christ

Maybe you need to get moving...





# Initial Commitment to Follow Jesus

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9 NIV)

- I want to publicly declare like I have never done before that I follow Jesus



# Renew Your Commitment to Follow Jesus

- ✓ A few months ago, we gave an opportunity:
  - Some of you may know me for \_\_\_\_\_, but I want to be known first of all as a follower of Jesus Christ.



# Renew Your Commitment to Follow Jesus

- ✓ Perhaps you have gotten off track, and you know it. Probably the people around you know it too.
  - I have become distracted with \_\_\_\_\_, and I want to renew my focus on following Jesus Christ.



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