

# Daily Devotional



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## ■ day one { flexibility }

Where do you feel most comfortable speaking to others about Christ? Jesus was very flexible with regard to venue when it came to telling the people about the word of God. How many situations can you name where Jesus preached to large groups of people? Seashore, hillside, temple, synagogue, house? He shared wherever people were willing to listen. Make a list of possible place where you can share God’s Word with someone. This week: Look for opportunities to do that.

## ■ day two { tradition }

Does it affect your worship when the church changes the way things “have always been done?” Can you think of the different “kinds” of church service you have attended: traditional, contemporary, prayer meeting, camp meeting, or charismatic? What type of worship service appeals most to you? Why? Can you worship as well alone as when in a group of fellow believers? How does the company of other Christians strengthen our worship experience? How can we lead others to Christ by being flexible with tradition?

## ■ day three { believers or disciples }

What does God expect us to do then obeying Him does not yield any immediate benefits? Being a believer is easy. Being a disciple challenges us. Sometimes it is inconvenient; sometimes it affects our relationships; sometimes we are ridiculed. But to be a disciple is to obey the word of God; taking Christ at His Word. Are you a believer or a disciple? How do you know? Jesus does not limit his recruiting to the perfect and holy.

## ■ day four { shallow or deep water }

**When has Christ displayed His power in your life?** Most of us haven't seen that because our lives are lived in shallow water. We never take chances spiritually. We don't like to get out of our comfort zones. But discipleship is the daily display of Christ in our lives. Peter obeyed Christ even when he didn't really see the point. And by his obedience, he witness Jesus miraculous power. Peter's life completely changed when he became a disciple instead of just a believer. He fell to his knees before the Lord, abandoned his secular career and began to follow Christ. What would you have to give up to follow Christ? Are you willing to do it?

## ■ day five { never too late! }

**Do you believe that it is too late in your life for you to become a disciple?** How many days do you have left on this Earth? None of us really knows. Moses did not even BEGIN his ministry for God until he was 80 years old and God used him for 40 years. If you decide to stop being a believer and to become a true disciple, it can mean big changes because your claim to your words, your career, your family, your possessions, everything will be relinquished to Christ, who really owns them. You may see this as a loss, but the earthly and eternal rewards will greatly outweigh anything that you think you have as just a believer. God may or may not want you to be a missionary in the jungle, a preacher or any other role that we usually think of as a "full-time" Christian disciple, but He does want you to be a full-time disciple in a specific role that He has for you. Have you found it? Are you living it?

## ■ a word from the writers

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