Here for a Reason

30th Anniversary at North Hills Church



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As we "follow Jesus," how does he **change** our **world**?

1. Following Jesus means there is a new **final <u>chapter</u>**.

"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven."

Mark 13:26-27

2. Following Jesus means there is always the chance for a **new beginning**.

"Peter said to him, 'Even though they all fall away, I will not.' And Jesus said to him, 'Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.' But he said emphatically, 'If I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And they all said the same."

Mark 14:29-31

Following Jesus means we belong to a new family.

"And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.' And he answered them, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' "And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

Mark 3:32-35





 Following Jesus means having a <u>new</u> <u>target</u> for obedience. "The most important is, '...you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

"Set love for God and love for neighbor as the target for our obedience."

Ryan Ferguson













Following Jesus means we belong to a new kingdom.

"And he said, '... the kingdom of God ... is like a grain of mustard seed ... the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet ... it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

Mark 4:30-32







Following Jesus means redefining the "<u>win</u>."

"And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. "There were some who said to themselves indignantly, 'Why was the ointment wasted like that? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.' And they scolded her. "But Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me."

Mark 14:3-6

So here it is, my alabaster heart I'm keeping nothing back from who You are No hidden treasure veiled by key or lock You're a lifetime worth of worship And that's only just the start Here it is, my every waking day The minutes, hours, the years of endless praise 'Cause You're worthy far beyond all I could say There's a lifetime worth of worship In the nuance of Your names Let it rise like incense My whole life a fragrance Every ounce here broken at Your feet Every breath an offering