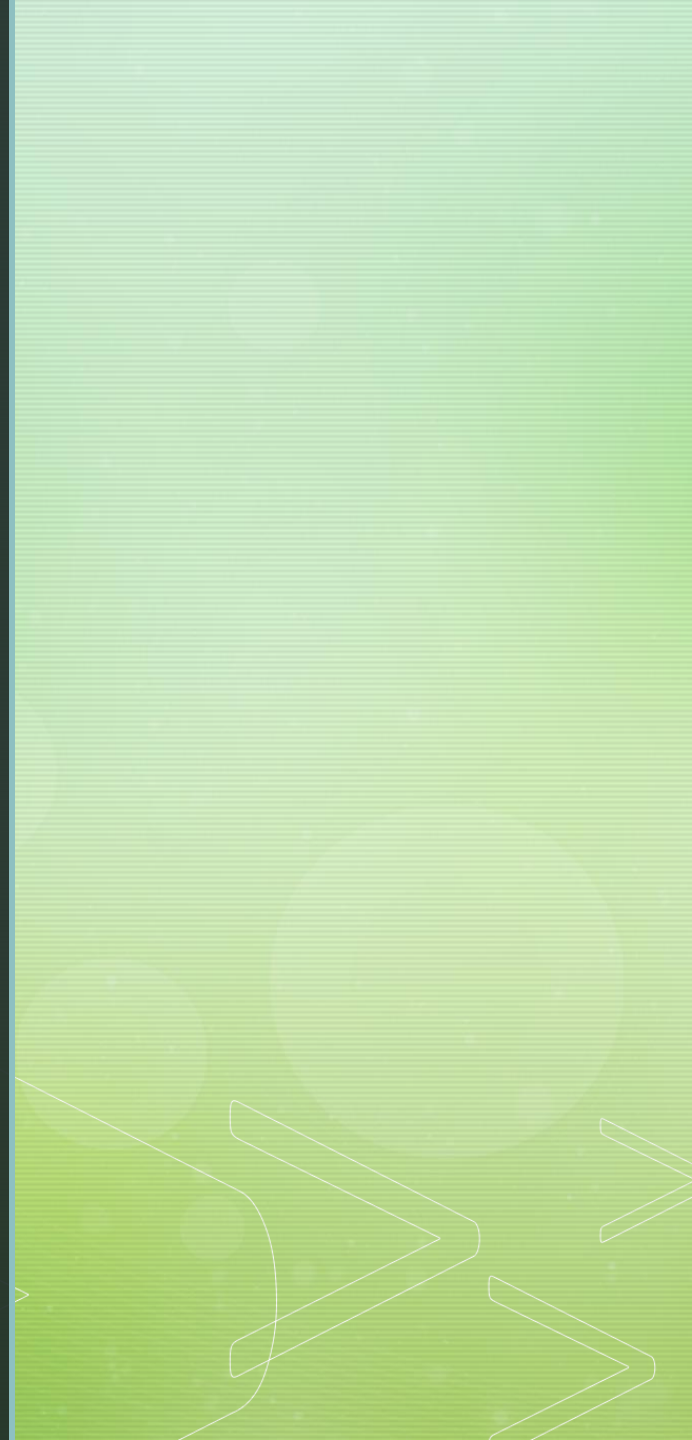


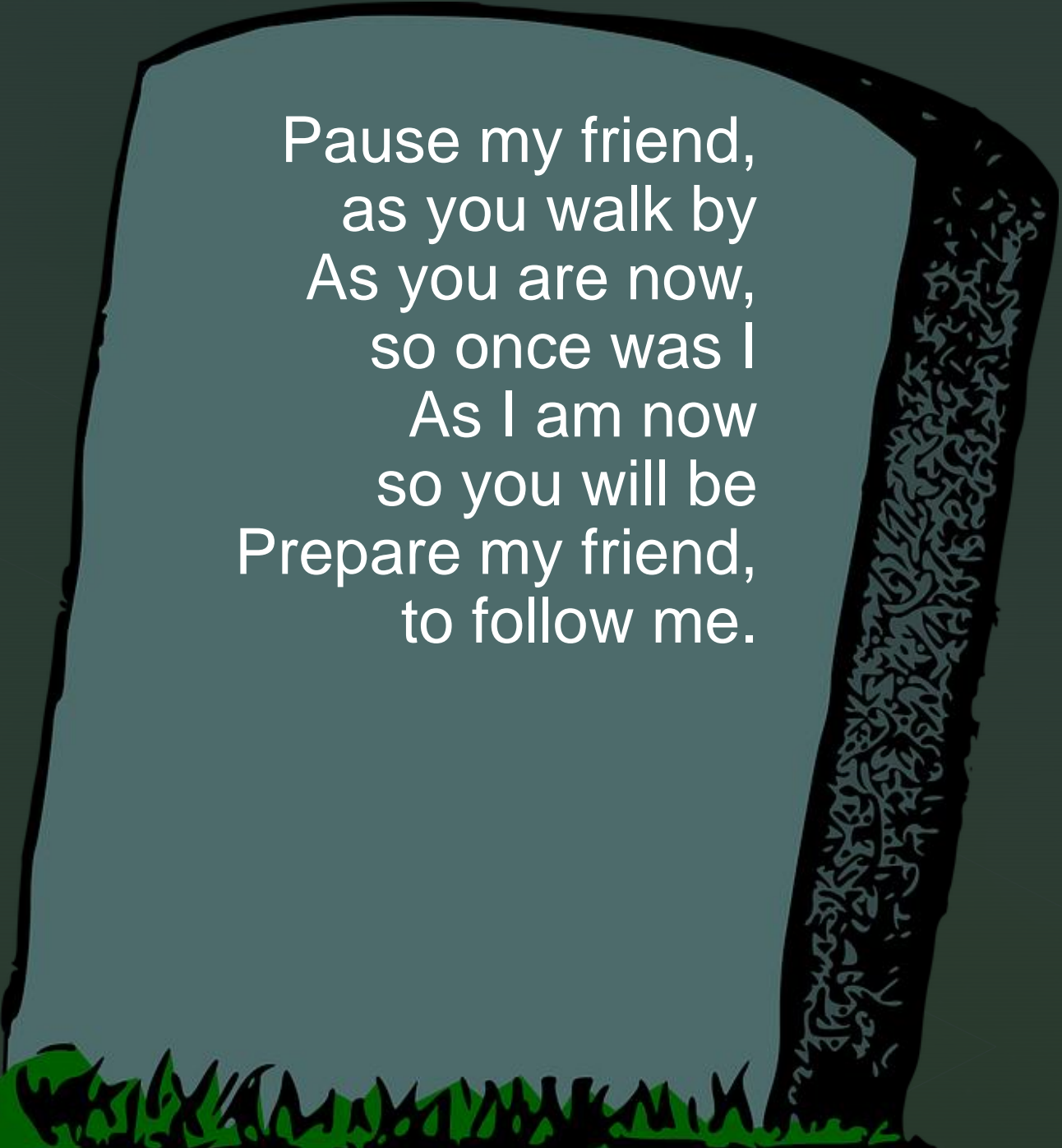
Serving Jesus Today

Matthew 10:26-42



Ultimates  
of Ministry





Pause my friend,  
as you walk by  
As you are now,  
so once was I  
As I am now  
so you will be  
Prepare my friend,  
to follow me.

A cartoon illustration of a tombstone. The tombstone is light blue with a dark blue border. It has a small triangle on the left side. The text is written in white. The tombstone is set on a patch of green grass. The background is dark green with a light green gradient on the right side.

To follow you  
is not my intent

Until I know  
which way  
you went!

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# 1 - FEAR God not man

*(Matthew 10:26-33 )*

- Don't fear limited man
- v26 - *“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.*
- v28 - *And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.*

# Fear the unlimited God

- God reveals
- *v26-27 - 26 “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. 27 What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.*

# Fear the unlimited God

- God judges
- *v28b - ...Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*

# Fear the unlimited God

- God cares
- *v29-31 - 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.*

# Fear the unlimited God

- God saves
- *v32-33 - 32 So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.*





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## 2 - LOYALTY to Jesus above all

*(Matthew 10:34-39 )*

- ▶ Family may get divided over Jesus
- *v34-36 - 34 “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. 36 And a person's enemies will be those of his own household.*

- Jesus must be our first love
  - *v37 - Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.*

# Why Jesus first?

- (Morris) 'No mere man has a right to claim a love higher than that for parents or children; it is only because of who he is that Jesus can look for such love. The words imply that he is more than a merely human teacher and leader.'
- v33 *"my Father"*
- v34 *"I have come"*

- ▶ There is a death to self involved
  - *v38-39 - 38 And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*



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### 3 - REWARDS follow Ministry

*(Matthew 10:40-42 )*

- The reward of being God's representative
- *v40 (ESV) “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.*

- ▶ The reward of receiving God's representative
- *v41 (ESV) The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward.*

- The reward of helping (giving to) God's representative
  - *v42 (ESV) And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”*



## Prayer

- For each disciple here to sense a call into this ministry of spreading the word and doing the wonders of God's kingdom
- In the fear of the Lord
- Loyal first to Jesus
- With the reward of the Lord following