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Sunday, April 23, 2017

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Today we begin a new sermon series exploring what it means to follow Jesus. Jesus' call to be a disciple was simple – *Follow Me*. It's an invitation to real life, the life God created you to live, and it's the secret of true happiness. Over the next several weeks we'll explore what it means to "follow".

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"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24, ESV).

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit" (John 15:16, ESV).

"For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God" (1 Corinthians 1:26-29, ESV).