No Turning Back KZ Lesson Sun Am 2/24/24

# Memory Verse: John 6:69 NKJV

# 69Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

 Target Thought: Jesus is our leader.

When I was a child, "Follow the Leader" was a favorite game. Have you ever played "Follow the Leader?" Of course you have! "Follow the Leader" is a game that is played and enjoyed by children all over the world.

The rules are very simple. First, you choose a leader. Then you follow him wherever he or she goes and do whatever they do. You stomp through puddles, climb over fences, or swing from a tree -- all to stay in the game because nobody wants to be a quitter.

"Follow the Leader" is a great game, but in our daily lives we play follow the leader too. In school, in Church, in sports, in any activity in which we may participate, there are always leaders. Every day we choose which leader we will follow. We need to be very careful not to follow after people unless they follow Jesus. We do not need to follow after people who live for the devil. Jesus is our leader.

One day Jesus was teaching in the synagogue and he said to the people, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. He who feeds on this bread will live forever."  That was a difficult teaching for some to understand. When they heard it, they said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" Some of them quit following Jesus after that day.

Jesus knew that many people were grumbling and complaining, so he turned to the twelve whom he had chosen to be his disciples and said, "You don't want to leave too, do you?" As usual, it was Peter who spoke up. "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." The disciples had answered the call to follow Jesus. They were not about to turn back now. Once we have decided to follow Jesus we don’t let anyone or anything cause us not to follow Him. We can’t do wrong thing just because someone else does. My earthly father used to say two wrongs don’t make a right. That means just because someone else does something wrong it doesn’t make it right for us to do wrong or follow after them.

There is a song that some of you may know called "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus." It goes like this:

*I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus.
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.*

Have you decided to follow Jesus? It may not always be easy, but once you have decided to follow him, there is no turning back. We are to follow after Jesus, live as examples for other people so that they will also follow Jesus.

Jesus gives us the ability to follow after Him and to live for Him no matter what. He will guard us and keep us. The Bible teaches us that no weapon formed against us will prosper, that means that even if it is not easy for us to follow after Jesus He will make a way for us.

Jesus wants us follow after Him and help others to follow Him because He loves us more that we can understand and He only has good plans for us. Jesus wants us to live for Him now and forever so that we can have the very best life.

Dear Jesus, you have called us to follow you. May we answer, "Yes, Lord, I'll follow you -- no turning back, no turning back." Amen.

1 Who is our leader?

2 What does two wrongs don’t make a right mean?

3 Does Jesus want us to live as an example for Him?

4 Does Jesus give us the ability to follow after Him?

5 Why does Jesus want us to follow after Him?