

The Lord's Day
Sunday, February 8, 2026
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Today's Prayer

Heavenly Father, give me the courage to take up my cross and follow you, even if it means sacrificing my own comfort and desires. Help me to be obedient to your commandments, to live a life of love, and to serve others with humility. Help me remember that a life following you is not one of rules but of grace. Grace for others and grace for myself.
In Jesus' Name, Amen

This Morning's Message

Pastor Terry Nichols—The Privilege of Prayer
Matthew 6:9-13

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR

David Snay • Pastor Terry • Julia Allen • Michelle Shipman
Tim & Cindy Allen • Erick Gibbs & Family • Darlene Pickett
Hunter Stoffel • Bill Rumph • Steve Woods • Shirley Cleary
Brian Brown • Sarah Whaley • Gary Cleary • Peggy Bartosek
Kim & Laurie Crast • Patty & Baby Eleanor • Matthew Whaley
Ron & Betty Lou Pickett • • Dustin Bush • Vanessa McNorton
Gracie • Dale Reid • Wanda Hutchinson • Michelle • Tabitha
Paula & Carl Steele • Amber Baltz • Leah & Flynn Lawrence
Benjamin Roach • Karen Sitterly • Roz Redden • Our Pastors
Erin Walker • Donald Hillman • Cathy Hoffman • Linda McNeely
Brad Bixby • Unserved Loved Ones • Eli Clafin • Nancy Lobdell
Jimmy Bellville • Joshua Johnson • Jeff Church • Mark Freeden
Stanley Perzan • Beverly Snyder • Doug Peterson • Shaun Hull

MISSIONS: JOHN & TANYA JAMES, DESTINY OUTREACH MINISTRIES
ALL MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, February 15, 2026

Greeters: Marilyn Poole / Kelly Blair

Security: Tim Redden / Brian Derby / Steve Berkman

Today, February 8, 6:00 PM: Superbowl Party, please bring a dish to pass..

Walking in the Gym Mon. Wed. Fri. at 8:30 AM: Weather ?

Monday, February 9, 6:00 PM: Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, February 10, 9:00 AM: Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, February 10, 5:30 PM: Pastor Terry's Discipleship class

Wednesday, February 11, 1:00 PM: Jeannie's Bible Study

Wednesday, February 11, 6:00 PM: Pastor Brian's Discipleship class

Sunday, February 15, 4:00-6:00 PM: New Membership class

Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 PM: Grief Share Support Group Starts

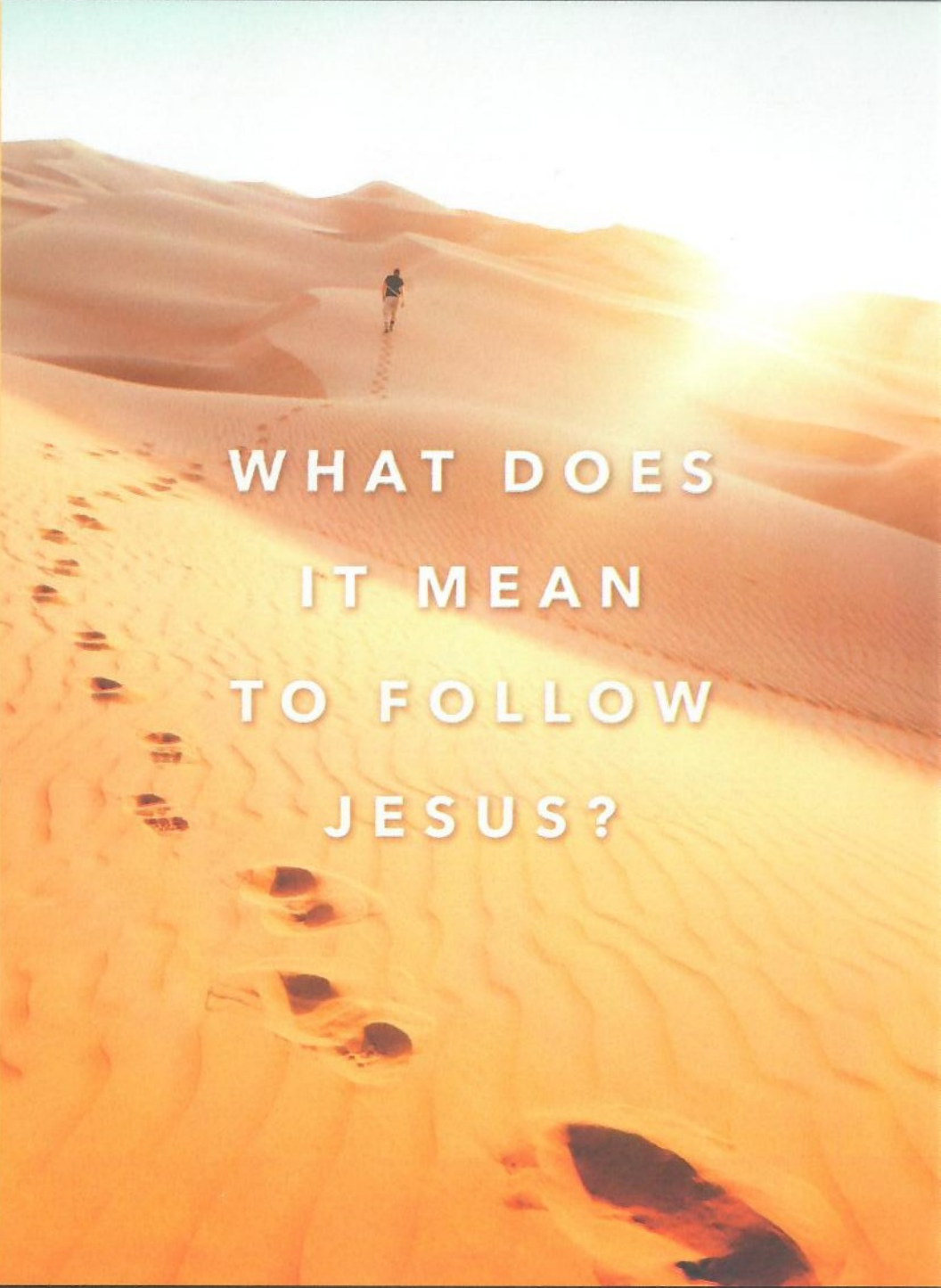
What Does It Mean To Follow Jesus

Being a follower of Jesus requires more than belief. It requires obedience. Jesus himself said that those who truly love him will keep his word, "Jesus replied, anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." (John14:23) This obedience is not about perfection or never making mistakes. Every follower stumbles at times, yet their heart remains committed to aligning with God's will.

Followers understand that their walk with Jesus involves more than personal comfort or convenience. They aim to proclaim his truth not only in moments of blessing but also in seasons of hardship. Even when the direction is difficult or uncomfortable, they go where he leads, trusting that his plan is perfect and his timing is flawless. Their commitment is not passive; it is active, daily and intentional.

Being a follower of Jesus is a continuous journey of devotion, learning, and transformation. It is a life marked by trust, obedience, and an ever-deepening relationship with the Savior. The call to follow Jesus is not optional for those who claim his name; it is the very heartbeat of being a Christian.

Followers seek to glorify God through their work, their family life, and their interactions with others. Their choices, words, and priorities are guided by the desire to honor Christ.

A photograph of a person walking through sand dunes. The person is small and in the distance, walking away from the viewer. A trail of footprints leads from the foreground towards the person. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, hazy glow. The sky is a pale blue. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by oranges and yellows.

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