

FOOTSTEPS
What it Really Means to Follow Jesus

ARE YOU A FAN OR A FOLLOWER?

Mark 1:16-20

Jeff Schreve

*He said to him, "Follow Me!" And he rose and followed Him.
Mark 2:14*

What's the difference between a fan and a follower of Jesus?

1. Fans know about Jesus, but followers know Jesus.

*And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true
God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. John 17:3*

A. Fans think religious service is good enough.

*"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom
of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.
Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in
Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name
perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never
knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE
LAWLESSNESS.'" Matthew 7:21-23*

B. Followers have an intimate, personal knowledge of Jesus.

*My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.
John 10:27*

2. Fans want the blessings, but followers want the Blessor.

*Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs,
but because you ate of the loaves, and were filled. John 6:26*

A. Fans seek His hand.

B. Followers seek His face.

3. Fans bail out, but followers are all in.

Many therefore of His disciples, when they heard this said, "This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?" As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew, and were not walking with Him anymore.

John 6:60, 66

A. Fans are fair-weathered.

B. Followers are fully committed.

Jesus said therefore to the twelve, "You do not want to go away also, do you?" Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life." John 6:67-68

1. Followers have surrendered their hearts to Him.
2. Followers have left their old way of life.
3. Followers are fishing for men.
4. Followers will stay true to Jesus all the way to glory.
But the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved. Matthew 24:13

Be honest: Would Jesus call you a fan or a follower?