

What Does It Mean to be “An Extraordinary Follow of Christ”?

Leading Others

I. Introduction

A. “Transforming ordinary people into extraordinary Followers of Christ.”

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A. John 10:1-4 (NLT) ¹“I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! ²But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice.”

B. 1 Peter 5:1-3 (NLT) ¹And now, a word to you who are elders in the churches. I, too, am an elder and a witness to the sufferings of Christ. And I, too, will share in his glory when he is revealed to the whole world. As a fellow elder, I appeal to you: ²Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God. ³Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example.

C. Matt. 14:15-17 (NLT) ¹⁵That evening the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶But Jesus said, “That isn't necessary—you feed them.” ¹⁷“But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish!” they answered.

D. Matt. 14:18 (NLT) “Bring them here,” he said.

E. Matt. 14:19-21 (NLT) ¹⁹Then he told the people to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he gave the bread to the disciples, who distributed it to the people. ²⁰They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers. ²¹About 5,000 men were fed that day, in addition to all the women and children!

III. Conclusion