



Your story matters.



# Follow *Along*

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## MESSAGE NOTES

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(aka "\_\_\_\_\_")

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What did He do in people's lives?

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- We tend to overlook how often momentum attracts \_\_\_\_\_.
- Observe... Jesus is kicking at "\_\_\_\_\_" religion.
  - Our awareness is \_\_\_\_\_.
    - But Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Our sacrifice is \_\_\_\_\_.
    - But Jesus inspires us \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Our agreement is \_\_\_\_\_.
    - But Jesus keeps \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Our orientation is \_\_\_\_\_.
    - But Jesus invites us \_\_\_\_\_.

When in doubt, [Hebrews 12:1-3](#) clarifies to “\_\_\_\_\_.”

## Where Are They Now? ([Luke 8:4-15](#), The Message)\*

- The Road (aka \_\_\_\_\_)
  - It’s the difference between exposure and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Try this: Be “\_\_\_\_\_” in everything. ([Philippians 4:8-9](#))
- The Rocks (aka \_\_\_\_\_)
  - It’s the difference between surviving and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Try this: Be \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus. ([John 7:37-39](#))
- The Weeds (aka \_\_\_\_\_)
  - It’s the difference between accommodation and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Try this: Be \_\_\_\_\_ in your labeling. ([Matthew 13:24-30](#))
- The Soil (aka \_\_\_\_\_)
  - It’s the difference between mentorship and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Try this: Be encouraged by the \_\_\_\_\_. ([Exodus 20:6](#))

\*Note: In all four options, the \_\_\_\_\_ were always \_\_\_\_\_.

## Your story really does matter to *Jesus*:

- There is real hope in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.
- “Begin with the \_\_\_\_\_ in mind.” (Steven Covey)
- Jesus invites you to follow Him \_\_\_\_\_.

Don’t miss this...

Instead of holding on to your commitment, \_\_\_\_\_.

How:

*Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey! Let us know, too, and fill out our connect card (digital\* or in person).*

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

*Icebreaker:* What is your favorite part of spring?

- 1.** Pastor Tony began his message by sharing a story about fireworks and how sometimes people will see someone shoot off a couple of random fireworks and be disappointed because they think it is the professional display and leave. Unfortunately, those weren't the main display and they missed it because they didn't wait things out. How do we do that with following Jesus?
- 2.** Read [Luke 9:57-62](#). Review Pastor Tony's explanation of Jesus' challenges to "glamour shots" religion in your notes. Which one stands out as something specifically challenging for you today?
- 3.** Read [Luke 8:4-15](#). How have you seen these "soils" evidenced in your own life?
- 4.** Look at Pastor Tony's "Try this:" ideas for each soil. Have you seen these concepts lived out in your own life?
- 5.** Which of these "Try this:" ideas should you try this week?

*Day One:* [John 18](#)

*Day Two:* [John 19](#)

*Day Three:* [John 20](#)

*Day Four:* [John 21](#)

*Day Five:* [1 Corinthians 1](#)

## PERSONAL GUIDE



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- We tend to overlook how often momentum attracts momentum.
- Observe... Jesus is kicking at “Glamour Shots” religion.
  - Our awareness is limited.
    - But Jesus will teach us.
  - Our sacrifice is daily.
    - But Jesus inspires us by example.
  - Our agreement is not enough.
    - But Jesus keeps appealing.
  - Our orientation is backward.
    - But Jesus invites us forward.

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## Where Are They Now? ([Luke 8:4-15](#), The Message)\*

- The Road (aka [A World of Hurt](#))
  - It's the difference between exposure and concentration.
  - Try this: Be “pro-Life” in everything. ([Philippians 4:8-9](#))
- The Rocks (aka [Gravelly Voices](#))
  - It's the difference between surviving and thriving.
  - Try this: Be hydrated by Jesus. ([John 7:37-39](#))
- The Weeds (aka [Look-A-Likes](#))
  - It's the difference between accommodation and accountability.
  - Try this: Be patient in your labeling. ([Matthew 13:24-30](#))
- The Soil (aka [Being Planted](#))
  - It's the difference between mentorship and discipleship.
  - Try this: Be encouraged by the multiplication. ([Exodus 20:6](#))

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