

# “WHAT IS THAT TO YOU?”

John 21:22

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Jesus said to him, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.”

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# INTRODUCTION



- John (only gospel writer) records Jesus restoring Peter to his ministry.
- Peter stated he would give his life for Christ. Luke 22:33
- Christ wanted to HEAR his commitment.

# BACKGROUND

- Peter was summoned v.19
- Jesus' command is meant spiritually not physically.
- Peter & John follows v.20
- Peter asks about John v.21



# BACKGROUND

## John's Question:

**-MEANING-** What is John's death?  
Suffer? (Violent death? v. 18-19)

**-MOTIVE-** Comparison? Envy? (John was the one loved; relative) Grief?  
Kindness? (Ages/work-Acts 8- both sent to Samaria) Curious?



# WE CANNOT BE DISTRACTED

“FOLLOW” SIGNIFIES A COMMITMENT

**LUKE 9:23;** (MATT 16:24)- WE MUST  
DENY SELF (REFUSE) TO  
RECOGNIZE SELF & (ACCEPT)  
DUTY.

**MATTHEW 5:6-** WE MUST PURSUE  
RIGHTEOUSNESS **JOHN 6:35;**

**JOHN 7:37**



# WE CANNOT BE DISTRACTED

**JOHN 8:12**- "FOLLOWING" ALLOWS US  
TO HAVE LIGHT- PROMISE  
**1 JOHN 1:7**

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCEPTING  
THE INVITATION & FULFILLING  
THE COMMITMENT.

**ROMANS 14:12**-FAITH IS NOT  
INHERITED (**2 CORINTHIANS 5:10**)



# WE MUST AVOID FOOLISH QUESTIONS

Christ never answered question out of curiosity.

**Luke 23:8-9** Herod curiosity-(Luke 9:7-9) Not  
Messiah/Savior- “many things”

**Matthew 21:23-27** What authority? not seeking the  
truth- “these things.”

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# WE MUST AVOID FOOLISH QUESTIONS

**John 8:1-11**-(heart of the question)-LAW then needed male offender (Deuteronomy 7)

**Titus 3:9**-Avoid foolish questions (disputes NKJV)

**1 Timothy 6:4; 2 Timothy 2:23** 

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# WE MUST TRUST IN GOD'S CARE

**Philippians 4:19** God is a Giver of blessings but also a Taker of men's problems (anxiety, fear, worry doubt) **1 Peter 5:7**

**Psalms 55:22**- give burden, get support, provision, protection, **v.23**.

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4**-Encouragement = comfort,  
**Psalms 86:17** God's plan is individualized.

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**Matthew 6:32**-God is not distant. God's provision does not always look like what we expect.

**v. 27**

Worry- **doubts** God's power, **questions** God's love, **forgets** what God has done in the past for us.

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God orders our lives in ways we could never.

# CONCLUSION

Have you answered Jesus' question in **Matthew 16:15**?



# INVITATION

Need to submit?

Hear the word

Believe the word

Repent sins

Confess Christ

Submit to baptism

Live faithful

Need to return?

Repent sins

Confess sins

Pray forgiveness

Live faithful

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