

**GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO FOLLOW  
LEARNING TO FOLLOW JESUS – Part 1 of 6**

**Decision #1** I will make \_\_\_\_\_

**Decision #2** I will include \_\_\_\_\_

**Commitment #1** I will \_\_\_\_\_

**Commitment #2** I will \_\_\_\_\_

**Commitment #3** I will \_\_\_\_\_

**Memory Verse**

*“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”*  
**John 15:5**

**HOW TO GET CLOSE TO JESUS**

**1. I RECOGNIZE** \_\_\_\_\_

*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.*  
Deut. 6:5 (NLT)

*You must not have any other gods except me.* Deut. 5:7 (NCV)

**2. I REALIGN** \_\_\_\_\_

*Anyone who wants to be my follower must love me far more than he does his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, or sisters—yes, more than his own life—otherwise he cannot be my disciple.*  
Luke 14:26 (LB)

**3. I RELEASE** \_\_\_\_\_

*You gladly let your possessions be taken away, because you knew you had something better, something that would last forever.*  
Heb. 10:34 (CEV)

*In the same way, you must give up everything you have to be my follower.*  
Luke 14:33 (NCV)

**4. I RELINQUISH** \_\_\_\_\_

*We have only one God, and he is the Father. He created everything, and we live for him. Jesus Christ is our only Lord. Everything was made by him, and by him life was given to us.*

1 Cor. 8:6 (CEV)

*So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.*

Rom. 8:6 (NLT)

**5. I RELISH** \_\_\_\_\_

*Find a quiet, secluded place so you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.*  
Matt. 6:6 (Mes)

*When you draw close to God, God will draw close to you... Let your hearts be filled with God alone to make them pure and true to him.*  
James 4:8 (LB)

**6. I REVOLUTIONIZE** \_\_\_\_\_

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*The whole point of what we're urging is simply love—love uncontaminated by self-interest and counterfeit faith, a life open to God.*  
1 Tim. 1:5 (Mes)

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*Love God, your God, listening obediently to him, firmly embracing him. Oh yes, he is life itself.*  
Deut. 30:20 (Mes)

*Jesus replied, "I will only reveal myself to those who love me and obey me. The Father will love them too, and we will come to them and live with them."*  
John 14:23 (LB)

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*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last.*  
John 15:16