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**Grace Notes Radio Program**

**THEME: ARE YOU FOLLOWING?**

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**INTRO: In John 10:27, Jesus said...My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they FOLLOW me. In Mark 1:17, Jesus gave His sheep a job to do...He said Come, FOLLOW me and 'I' will make you FISHERS of men.**

**Notice, Jesus does the MAKING - we're to do the FOLLOWING. To see if we're doing OUR job we need to ask the question..."Am I truly FOLLOWING?" Today on Grace Notes, Barbara Sandbek will talk about what it means to follow Jesus.**

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**When I was a little girl I played 'follow the leader'. In this game you have to do exactly what the leader does or you're out of the game. While this was just a childish game, Jesus' command to follow 'Him' is no game - it's serious business - so serious, it has eternal ramifications.**

**Jesus, alone, has the right to be our leader. In Matthew 28:18 He said... All authority in Heaven & earth has been given to me.**

**Every leader has a goal for himself. Jesus stated His goal in Matthew 20:28... the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.**

**Jesus came to show us the Father and to reconcile us to Him. He accomplished HIS goal by living among men and paying the debt of man's sin against God through dying on the cross and raising from the grave. When we CHOOSE to FOLLOW Him we cross over from darkness to light. Jesus said in John 8:12...**

**I am the light of the world. Whoever FOLLOWS me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of 'LIFE'.**

**Every leader has a goal for his followers. Jesus expects us to administer His light. In Matthew 5:16, Jesus said...**

**...Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify (praise) your Father which is in Heaven.**

**2 Cor. 5:20 says we're Christ's ambassadors as though God were making His appeal through us. Our job is to make more followers.**

**Jesus said in Luke 19:10...**

**...the Son of man is come to SEEK and to SAVE that which was lost.**

**Let's take a look at some of the people Jesus sought out..**

**According to Matthew 4:24 He ministered to hurting people...**

**people with various diseases, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed and crippled.**

**Then there were those dirty, unclean lepers, and that woman with the issue of blood – she was a social outcast. Let's not forget the promiscuous Samaritan woman. He told her He was the Messiah when He didn't even tell the prominent ruler Nicodemus.**

**Someone once said - Jesus came to save the hurty, dirty and the nerdy. Think about it.**

**If we're to follow Christ, we need to be humble. But so often we think since we've cleaned up our act – we're better than others. We need to remember what Jesus saved us from.**

**Phil 2: 5-9 says...**

**Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus, who being in the very nature God did not consider equality with God something to be grasped but made Himself NOTHING, taking the very nature of a servant --- he humbled Himself and became obedient to death even death on a cross.**

**I asked the LORD for a BURDEN for lost people I couldn't see. He said...how can you feel for those you can't see when don't even want to be burdened for THOSE YOU DO SEE?**

**I ask myself & you...Are people right in front of you WORTH your time, your tears, your concern? They'd be worth Jesus' time? Search your heart...are you truly serving the way Jesus would?**

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**Pride is the opposite of humility. It's pride that caused the fall of man and can keep us from telling others about Christ, too.**

**I jogged with a woman I worked with for a year and a half. She ran like a gazelle. I was so proud that she wanted to jog with me that I never once confronted her with her need to ask Jesus to save her from her sin. I was afraid she might not want to be with me. One day I went to meet her and she wasn't there. She'd been in a car accident and was in Shock Trauma. They wouldn't let anyone in to see her. I agonized over her for a whole month, praying for another opportunity to tell her about Christ – but she died. I can't begin to describe how I felt. We had talked about everything except her soul.**

**I found this poem sometime later...**

**My friend, I stand in this judgment now  
And feel that you are to blame somehow  
On earth I walked with you day by day  
And never once did you point the way  
My knowledge of Christ was very dim  
You could have led me safely to Him  
And now I stand this day condemned  
Because you failed to mention Him  
You taught me many things, that's true  
I called you Friend and trusted you  
Yet in coming to this horrible end  
Can I now say that you're my Friend?**

**I learned a valuable lesson through this painful experience. I vowed from then on to tell whoever crosses my path about Christ. I close now with a song about another painful lesson someone else learned. It may not be too late for you to tell someone in your life. Don't wait too long.**

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**We pray you've been blessed by this program. Join us on our next program. Until then, let your grace notes be a song of praise!**