

Who Are You
Following?

Last Week: Is the Gospel enough?

This week: Who are you following?

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Matthew 4:19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

John 21:25 Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

You might not be able to remember your top 5 influential sermons but you will have a hard time stopping at your top 5 influential people.

Quote from Steve Jobs:

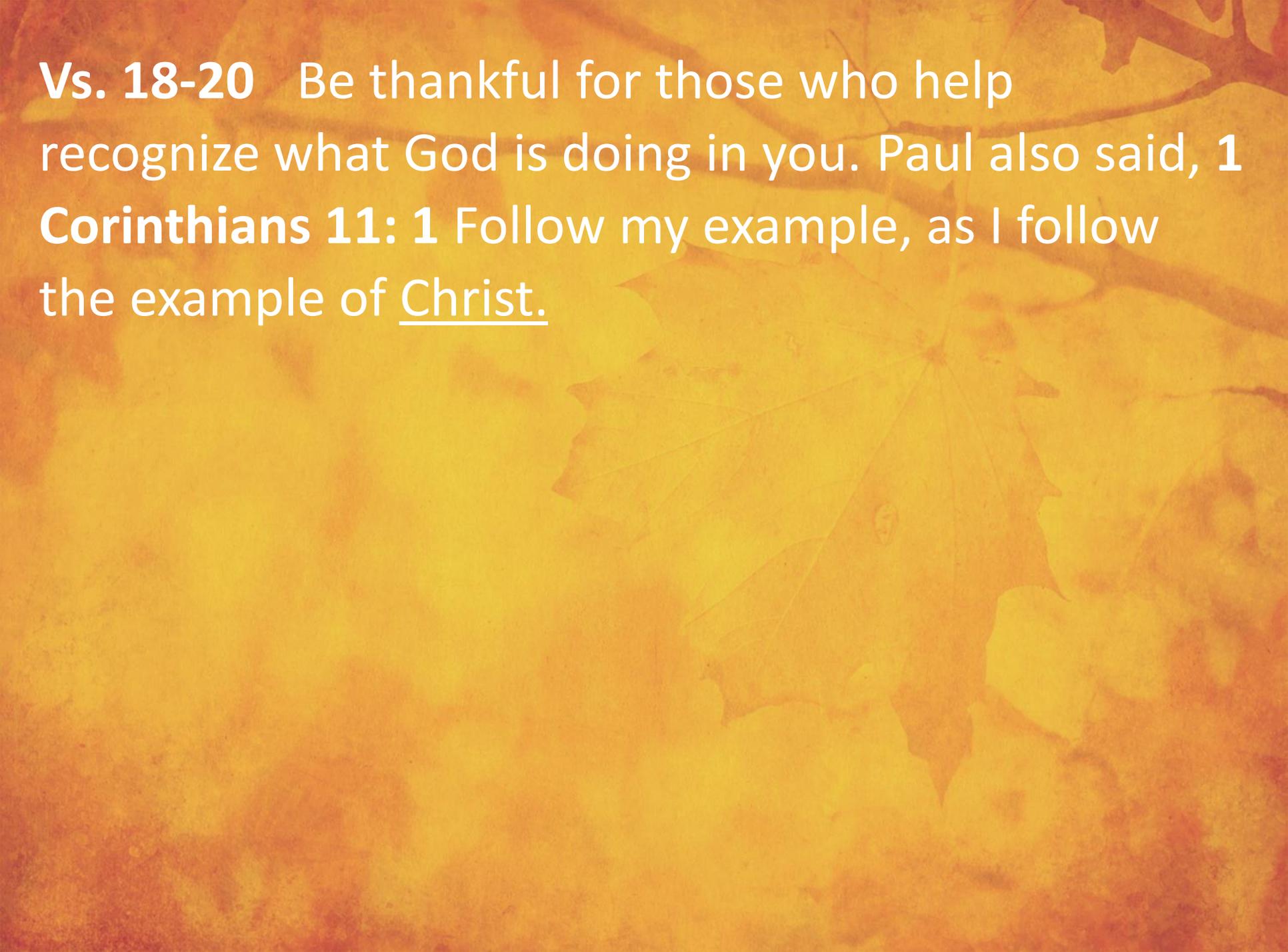
Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition.

Vs. 10-12 not following just a man, but God in the form of a man Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2:5-8 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,[a] 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,[b] 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,[c] being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Vs. 13-14 Paul followed the traditions of the Jews
Acts 9 Saul's Conversion to Paul

Vs. 15-17 Paul wants to make sure he doesn't
make the same mistake "I did not consult any
man"



Vs. 18-20 Be thankful for those who help recognize what God is doing in you. Paul also said, **1 Corinthians 11: 1** Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

Vs.21-24

They praised God for the changes in Paul.

God's Changes or Our Changes?

Matthew 23:15 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when you have succeeded, you make them twice as much a child of hell as you are.

There is a time in a person's life when their faith is no longer the one they have been taught by others but it becomes their own.

Are you following Christ or man? Is your faith the one of your parents or teachers or your own? Do you worry about traditions or knowing God? Do you have your eyes fixed on Jesus or are you worried about those around you? When you look for leaders to lead you are they following Jesus the way you want to follow Jesus?

Thanksgiving. *Be thankful:* that Jesus is the perfect example to follow. *Be thankful:* for those people in your life whom you have followed who have led the example of Jesus. *Be thankful:* that even if you didn't have anyone the Holy Spirit is there. *Be thankful:* that you have a family around you now to encourage you to follow Christ

