

Follow First, See Second

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John 1:35-51

“You don’t have to believe me,” a salesman proclaims. “There’s a money back guarantee! Absolutely no risk to you!” Lots of spray-on hair, food dehydrators, and wearable blankets have been sold under those promises.

People are like that. We like to see some proof before we make a commitment. Perhaps that is why being fully devoted to Christ provides such a challenge for some. Maybe it was a stretch for John the Baptist’s two disciples, when they asked Jesus where He was staying, because He didn’t directly answer their question. Instead, He invites them to follow. “‘Come,’ he replied, ‘and you will see.’” (John 1:39a). The order of the two verbs—come then see—is repeated later when skeptical Nathanael inquires about Jesus’ credentials. “‘Come and see,’ said Philip” (John 1:46b).

In Christ, it’s follow first, see second. Often, when I have asked the Lord a question, I have sensed in His response not information but an invitation. In those instances, like John’s two disciples, I didn’t just simply see where Jesus was but who He is.

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