Christian, who do you follow?

Base Lines:
Understanding the Will of God as stated in Leviticus 19:4 Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am the LORD your God.

The baseline may require you to dust off your understanding a bit so you can focus on what Jesus has done in/with you when you Truly – emphasis – Truly accepted His Gift of salvation. That the Will of God expressed in His Word; that he alone is God. Not your churches, your philosophies, your Pastors, your fellow Christians. They all flow from him if they are true but He alone is your God.

Information.
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God, your Lord called you. At the time it may have been difficult to hear him and maybe you didn't come running but at first ran away. God does this in something as simple as whispers in the night. Remember without him darkness is your plight, the never ending darkness of being without God.

It's up to you truly to decide if you will reject his Light of Life and then again it will be your decision to keep the light of our Lord hidden or out in the open for all to see. God reaches to you, he touches you and places upon your heart a desire that activates that faith he has given you freely. A gift of a measure of faith which he has given everyone that walks the earth. After you have come to the understanding of that light all he asks and seeks is only your compassion. The same compassion God has for you that caused Him to give His Only Begotten Son, Jesus as a sacrifice. What great compassion God has for us and how easy would it be to simply follow Him. It requires a willingness to turn on your Light, the very Light that saved you, Jesus. In shining your Light in truth you make yourself right in His eyes and truly begin to worship your one and only God.

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Do not stop at errors of others, if what you see in others that call themselves Christians isn't what you know God has commanded don't allow that to stop your walk. You are commanded to follow God not man and no action of others should steal your freedom. Cry to him El Shaddia! If you allow man and his actions to keep you from your God your life is finished.

As you learn to walk after your God and not the things of man you will begin to feel the thunder. You will begin to feel His rage, as the things he desires and loves are crushed under the weight of men. Will you tremble at his footsteps? Do you hear his fire as it rises in you?

Look into yourself in Christ in that moment and make a change, change to what He would have you do, stop looking far away at others. Look to God alone for your guidance. Searching far away isn't where you need to look. Focus only on your God, your soul, hear the Spirit's call and walk as He put forth. You need to walk it or you are lost.

What was the purpose that you were saved? Is it to rescue you from hell? Is it to improve our lives here on earth? Is it so we are better husbands, wives, daughters, sons? Is it so we are at peace? Every one of these things sound pretty and have truth in them but the reason you are saved is to Glorify God. You are an instrument of worship, a tool to magnify God in His love of us.

Drawn, called out, placed in the Saviors hands by your God. Not to be like another man, another teaching, another way, but to be as God created you. To be like Jesus.

Do you honor God with your calling or do you prop others up? Learn not to say to yourself; I want to be a Christian like "Whomever". That's messed up and can be a terrible sin. First you have taken your eyes off God to look at "Whomever" and risk a fall because your eyes will not be on Jesus. Look to Jesus as they point to Jesus, go no further.

If you go further than to look to Jesus as they point and chose to look at them taking your eyes of Jesus eventually you will lose sight of your God and His Word and start studying and trusting others words more than God's, reading hours and hours of books and not His Word forgetting the promise of the Holy Spirits illumination of the Word, listening to others words more than God's, seeking a word here a word there, chasing after the latest flourish of spiritualism, running from flow to flow like a lost child in a candy store. Elevating and worshiping a fellow servant while you're walking after other men in their methods rather than His way for you asking man –what does God have for me? God does have a plan for you – He is screaming at

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the top of the mountains to you in His Word, stay away from those who would tell you his plan for you. Why not ask God.

There are men and women called to edify the congregation. You will be able to tell by the way they aren't visible but rather God is and where you can see them they simply say look to Jesus. Use wisdom as this is a good teaching. God isn't running away from you. Stop chasing Him in folks that don't know Him. Stand with God instead with your more sure Word of Prophecy. The bible. Learn that you can trust God.

Exodus 34:14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:

LITV Deuteronomy 13:1-3
If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams rises among you, and gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder which he spoke to you occurs, saying, Let us go after other gods which you have not known, and let us serve them, you shall not listen to the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams. For Jehovah your God *is* testing you, to know if you love Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Samuel 12:24
Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things He hath done for you.

For in that moment you placed "Whomever" in God's place you also placed them in jeopardy of sin. The sin of vanity and ego and for an instant they heard you instead of Jesus, with this the trap was laid for both of you.

Luke 16:13
No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Mark 12:30
And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment.

Matthew 22:37

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Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Matthew 6:24
No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

My advice is Keep your eyes on the Cross allow everyone's ears to hear only His Praise and Word.

So do you follow God or your denomination, is it God you seek or the building you worship? Is it the fire of God calling you or the comfort of many men? Do you seek to be chastised by God or stroked by man? Where does your true passion lay?

Colossians 2:8
Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

If God told you today leave your place of worship and honor him in another place? Would you go?

Luke 9:22-27
Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day. And he said to *them* all, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and *in his* Father's, and of the holy angels. But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God.

What if God called you away from your favorite preacher because he had something for you to do to honor him in another place?

John 21:18

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Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry *thee* whither thou wouldest not. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

What if God said go and sit in a place you felt wasn't as clean as the place you came from, another church, under another preacher someone you felt wasn't as good as where you are? Would you go?

Jonah 1:1-2
Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

Mark 8:34 And when he had called the people *unto him* with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

What if you trusted God enough to move, what if you trusted God enough to do as he asked?

What if?

Genesis 12:1-8
Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram *was* seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came. And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite *was* then in the land. And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him. And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, *having* Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

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Is your pew that valuable, is the carpet that valuable, is your comfortable way with the others in your congregation valuable? Yes it is but is God more valuable to you than them?

Mark 10:21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

Is your pastor valuable, teachers, and prophets valuable where you worship? Yes they are but do they hold more worth to you than your God?

Luke 9:24
For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

What if God desired you honor him in another place? Would they be more important that his request?

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1 Corinthians 16:7
For I will not see you now by the way; but I trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit.

Is your church valuable? Yes it is but God is more valuable.

Zecheriah 13:9
And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It *is* my people: and they shall say, The LORD *is* my God.

Acts 3:6

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Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

The Israelites discovered that God was more valuable when he commanded them out of Egypt. Suddenly, God was the single most important thing to them. They had lived in bondage for years the same places, the same community. Then all at once God called them out. All they had was God. What if God called you out of your comfort zone? Would you know him enough to be all you have? Would you know him enough to feel safe, warm and free just as you do every day you chose to go to worship among friends?

Exodus 16:3
And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, *and* when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

What if at once all you had was God. Do you know him outside the context of your church, fellowship, home, traditions, philosophies, and relationships?

Exodus 16:4
Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

We build up comforts and God provides comforts the two are very different. God is all you need. He secures the other comforts you enjoy. Have you unintentionally replaced him with the comforts he provides? Have you unintentionally worshiped the fruit of his provided comforts and lost track of Him. Has your place of worship become the focus instead of the God that it stands for? Has your method replaced the giver of the blessing? Has your philosophy replaced His intention? Have you been using other men and their flaws to justify your errors? What rationalizations do you offer yourself in the place of God?

2 Chronicles 16:9
For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

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What a time to find out, in a crisis when the devil has attacked you and suddenly you discover you have unintentionally distanced yourself from God. Why not check now?

1. Do you spend more time with your fellow Christians than you do with God?
2. Do you read more words of man than you do God's Word?
3. Do you seek the face of men or women you feel know God more than you seek the face of God Himself?

Repent, Jesus Loves you!

He alone is God and He is enough, Jesus is enough and he has made a provision for you and has not left you comfortless. Jesus and the Holy Spirit are with you Christian. He is your safe place. Learn to trust him, it is a great blessing once it becomes clear.

Jesus said "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."

I may have a beloved pastor but I follow him as he follows Christ and should he be separated from me I will continue to follow God. God is all I have.

I may love the place which I worship but should I be separated from it I will continue to follow God. God is all I have.

Suddenly you find all you have is God. All you have is God, nothing else. God is all you have and God is all you need. Follow God.

This is a report of freedom and of victory, God is all you have.

Numbers 10:9
And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

Deuteronomy 4:39
Know therefore this day, and consider *it* in thine heart, that the LORD he *is* God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: *there is* none else.

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1 Kings 8:23
And he said, LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart:

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John 12:26
If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will *my* Father honour.

Revelation 22:7-9
Behold, I come quickly: blessed *is* he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. And I John saw these things, and heard *them.* And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See *thou do it* not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

Shout from the rooftops, Jesus is Lord and he is enough! If you are curious or have issue or question on this letter written to you in the love of Jesus Christ alone, email me: Seeker@godsprovision.org

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