

Pastoral REFLECTIONS

October 5, 2025

Whenever, Wherever



I saw a sign on the back of a boat being pulled by a truck that read, “I live to fish.” The man driving was either on his way to the lake (fishing poles already in the boat) or returning home. Since it was early morning, I assumed he was heading out.

I couldn’t help but wonder: what motivates a person to rise that early on a Saturday, gather their gear, and head to the lake in hopes of catching a fish they could easily buy at the store? Why risk their safety on the water? Why spend so much money on a boat and equipment? What drives such devotion to fishing?

The passion wasn’t just about fishing; it was about love. The sign belonged to the father, but the son was in that truck because he loved his dad and wanted to be with him. Over time, the father’s love and passion naturally became the son’s passion. Like father, like son.

That’s how it is with God. We love because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). Our passion for His purposes only grows as we “ride with Him” wherever He goes. Jesus said we must have the faith of a child (Matthew 18:1–4). To abide in His love is to walk with Him, learning to desire what He desires: “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.” (John 15:10).

His love reshapes our hearts and bends our will toward things we would never have cared about apart from Him.

So, the question is: *Are you in the truck?*

- Are you in His will whenever He calls?
- Are you willing to go where He leads, even when it’s not where you would choose?
- Are you living, as Paul said, “crucified with Christ,” so that your life is no longer your own but His? (Galatians 2:20).

Do you love to do what Christ loves to do? So goes the Shepherd, so go the sheep???

UPCOMING Events



**THREE WINDSTREAM OCCURRENCES**  
Support our own, Bro. Craig Crowe, Saturday October 11th at 10AM for his viewing of His-Tme, 42 Years Vision—The Three Windstream Occurrences. Film will be shown in Legacy Sanctuary.



**CREATIVE JAMS SESSION**  
Do you have a passion for writing, acting, directing, or singing? Join us on our next brainstorming session, October 18th as we start planning for next year’s Easter production. Contact Melita Washington at melita.washington@lwfellowshipchurch.org for more information.



**SINGLES MINISTRY BRUNCH**  
Are you tired of swiping to find your match? Join the singles ministry in fellowship at First Watch on Saturday oct. 18th at 11:30AM. Contact Stephanie Lyons or Keron Brown at keron.brown@lwfellowshipchurch.org for more information.



**HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
Harvest Fest is quickly approaching and we need your help! Dontae individually wrapped candy and drop off your donations to the Children’s Wing. Please contact Mrs. Sylvia Edwards for more information



**ABC WORD ACADEMY PRESCHOOL FALL SPECIAL**  
The Texas Rising Star 4-Star Accredited ABC Word Academy is having a Fall Pres-School Special starting now with a \$60 Registration Fee, discounts are available for siblings and LWFC members. For more information, call (281)-445-9673.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Announcements
- Song
- Communion
- Praise & Worship
- Visitor’s Welcome
- Worship In Giving  
*Offering boxes are located at all perimeters under crosses*
- Special Music
- The Word of God  
**“The Follower”**  
Matthew 8:18-27  
Dr. Paul Cannings, D. Phil

Sermon notes available online at lwfellowshipchurch.org  
Click on the “Media” tab and click “Sermon Outline”

- Call to Discipleship  
*Please remain seated at this time*
- Benediction & Closing Song

Children are now required to check-in upon arrival. Please report to the registration desk located in the children’s wing.

**Infants—6th grade**

**LWFC KIDZ**

**LEGACY**  
EFFECTING TODAY FOR TOMMORROW  
youth ministry of LIVING WORD FELLOWSHIP

**MIDDLE SCHOOL - HIGH SCHOOL**  
**2 3 4 &**  
SUNDAY  
**TUESDAY NIGHTS**  
e 7:30 PM



# The Follower

## Matthew 8:18-27

### Dr. Paul Cannings

A. Are You Ready? (vs. 18-22):


B. The Journey (v. 23):

C. Faith Required (vs. 26-27;  
Matthew 14:32-33):

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**Center for  
Christian Living Survey**  
We Want to Hear From You!



CFCL Discussions are designed with the congregation in mind. Please take a few moments to fill out the survey via the QR Code so that we may best serve you in the sessions to come.

**WALK IN THE LIGHT**  
*Step Challenge*  
Sep 28- Nov1




SCAN QR CODE TO DOWNLOAD THE APP

We will end the challenge by walking together Nov 1 at 9am at TC Jester Park.

To Join Us

1. Download the "StepUp" App
2. Scan the QR Code Above to Join Our Group: "Women of Grace"

"Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path." Psalm 119:105




## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Grieving:** Gloria Franklin & family, Marcia Anderson & family, the family of Eunice Johnson, and Markeith Hicks & family.

**Health and Healing:** Lurlean Lane, Florence Wiggins, Retha Amos, Margaret Baptiste, Cici Sharpe, McQueen, Eric White, Pat Crawford, Tanisha Collins, Jon Heard, Rutha Patrick, Kevin Carey, Sherri Love, Elizabeth Clarke, Clara Williams, Kathryn Ford-Cheatham, Anthony Thomas, Beverly Austin, Joshua Williams, Ruby Hunter, Elizabeth Bean, Patsy Gatterson, Arleatha Housley, Patrina Johnson, Cheryl Walker, Walter Banks, Sheryle Crowe, Arnie Glover, Diana Doyle, Shannon Rice, Freddie Reid, Yolanda Barnes, Rochelle Carter Brown, Terrance Ford, Robert Edwards, Jessie Austin, Evelyn Harvey, Shinell Clark, Elsie Starks, Ruth Cranford, Eugene Reese, Donna Ross, and Sylvia Edwards.

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