

# From Faith to Faith

Granbury Street Church of Christ

## 2015 Summer Series

Building to Be Better

June 3	Building a Better Foundation for the Future <i>David McElwain</i>
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August 26	Building a Better You <i>Robert Moss</i>

### Shepherds

Sid Carruth  
Jeff Day  
Kenneth Helm  
Clark Lehtinen  
Tim Norman

### Deacons

Gary Barger  
Ryan Cowan  
Vince Grinnell  
Justin Hewlett  
Bill Hughes  
Russ Jones

### Preacher

Kevin Rhodes

### Sunday

*Bible Study*  
9:00 am

*AM Worship*  
10:00 am

*PM Worship*  
5:00 pm

### Wednesday

*Ladies Class*  
10:00 am

*Bible Study*  
7:00 pm

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# Following to the Extent Jesus Says - Part Three

Kevin W. Rhodes

**T**he people in the crowd had followed Jesus as long as it was convenient. They had expressed interest as long as they benefited physically. But Jesus exposed the passing nature of their interest--rooted in the flesh--simply by staying true to His spiritual mission instead of getting caught up in the carnal distraction of the crowd. They had listened—for a while. They had followed—for a while. They had seemed interested—for a while. But discipleship demands a decision for life--not an interest for a moment. Jesus knew this, and all who would become disciples must know it as well.

Jesus understood their rejection. Since discipleship is rooted in obedience, service, and sacrifice, He came to persuade, to serve, and to save--but He knew that not all would be willing to accept His call. "And He said, 'Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father'" (Jn. 6:65). Here, with an allusion to John 6:44-45, he explains why. Discipleship depends upon our willingness to be taught of God. This characteristic—unappreciated by many religious people—describes the trait distinguishing the new people of God from the Israelites of old. Under the old covenant, Israelites entered a special relationship with God by right of their physical birth, a covenant relationship which parents were to teach their children (Dt. 6:6-9). However, as Jeremiah prophesied, under the new covenant people would be

brought into the fold by listening to God's Word and applying it (Jer. 31:31-34) and thereby receiving forgiveness (Eph. 1:7; Acts 22:16). Therefore, if we are unwilling to learn God's will or later decide to deviate from it, we wander off the path to heaven and give up everything that Jesus died to offer us (2 Pet. 2:20-22). The divine expectations of discipleship surpass the human desire to offer temporary commitment for eternal security. Rather, Jesus calls us to a lifelong commitment expressed daily. "Then He said to them all, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me'" (Lk. 9:23).

Discipleship can be hard when following requires more than you anticipated, which is why we should anticipate nothing but following Christ, come what may. We should never approach discipleship with a heart holding back our obedience because God's will does not meet up to our expectations. Such pride will doom us forever. Instead, we open our hearts and seek whatever He may ask of us, because we owe everything to Him. There will always be something we will learn along the way that is unexpected—something difficult, demanding, and even heart wrenching—which is why, in discipleship, we give Jesus everything, including our heart, because, as Jesus said, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62).

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# News and Notes

## **Among our sick**

- Shannon Barger Barron and baby boy Jack Thomas (J. T.) needs prayers. The baby is due on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The doctors have two concerns that were discovered that they will be watching.
- Helen Henslee had Carpal Tunnel Surgery on her wrist on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Virgie Lewis is home from the hospital. Please no visitors at this time.
- John McGilvray had Rotator Cuff Surgery on his shoulder Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, at Huguley.
- Janice Redden saw the kidney specialist and the gastroenterologist this past week.
- Mittie Wiginton's son, Jimmy, fell and broke his pelvic bone. He is in rehab for therapy. They haven't done surgery.

## **Remember in prayers**

Ken Boroughs; Lonnie Burk (Laurie McPherson's father); Darla Dill; Angel Grinnell and baby (Vincent Tucker); Amy Hackler and baby (Emma); Don Manning; Pat McIntosh; Janice Redden; Betty Rutledge; Scott Sorensen, Linda Hackler's brother-in-law.

## **Prayers for military personnel**

Please keep all of our men and women that are serving in the armed services for our country. There are several that are in harm's way.

## **Directory update**

Matthew and Rebecca Tidwell have placed membership with our congregation. Their address is:

1402 Lynnwood (Rebecca's cell) 817-487-7716  
Cleburne, TX 76033 Dalton and Emma

Welcome to our family!

## **Responses**

Rebecca Tidwell responded to the invitation Sunday morning confessing sins and asking for the prayers of the congregation. Please keep the family in your prayers.

## **Please Note...**

- Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM, we will have game night in the annex. Please bring your favorite games and finger foods.
- Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, Family Day will start at 10:30 in the annex.
- Green Valley Bible Camp campers will be leaving on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, and returning on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Those who Serve Lords' Supper: 6/21

### Front South

Will Cammack  
Bill Cashion  
Sid Carruth

### Back South

Don Crecelius  
Logan Frasier  
Cody Grinnell

### Front North

Jeff Day  
Andrew Collins  
Ken Boroughs

### Back North

Kyle Day  
Perry Elkins  
Royce Gorman

## Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Kenneth Helm  
Tim Norman

Sunday PM

Clark Lehtinen  
Jim Hudgins

Wednesday PM

Ryan Cowan

## Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:

Dale Ash

Wednesday

Doug Jones

## Song leaders:

Sunday AM

Russ Jones

Sunday PM

Russ Jones

Wednesday PM

Jeff McPherson

## Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

Larry McWilliams

## Collection Counting

Don Crecelius / Johnny Walker

## Wed. PM Devotional (6/24)

Heath Stapleton



## Sermons for Sunday

AM

The Road to Perdition  
1 Corinthians 10:1-10

PM

The Marriage Relationship  
Ephesians 5:22-33



## Listen to the Gospel!

### Granbury Street's Worship

LIVE every Sunday Morning at 10:00 am on  
KnowTheTruthRadio.org

### Luis and Mike in the Mornings

(Monday - Friday) from 7:00 am - 9:00 am cst on  
KnowTheTruthRadio.org

### Biblical Foundations with Pat McIntosh

(Monday - Friday) 7:00 am or 11:00 am  
btradio.net



## Our Records

Bible Class .....	169
AM Worship.....	223
PM Worship .....	168
Wednesday Bible Class 6/10.....	163
Contribution .....	\$6,999

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