

WHEREVER  
YOU LEAD



And I'm gonna fix my eyes on Jesus  
Walking with the One who walks on the sea

Oh, I'm gonna give my life to follow

Speak to me and I'll go  
Wherever You lead

What can one who *actually* gives their life to follow Jesus expect?

to increasingly  
come to know  
*Immanuel*, as he  
is with us on  
our journey

to increasingly  
come to know  
God's ways and  
understand  
his will

to increasingly  
be transformed,  
becoming like  
Jesus from the  
inside out

to increasingly  
learn how to live  
in and from God's  
always present  
kingdom

to experience  
a grand welcome  
into our glorious  
inheritance in  
heaven

*This is what Jesus meant when he said, "Seek first the kingdom of God..."*

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*Elane O’Rourke*

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“The kingdom of the  
heavens is where  
God is interactively  
and creatively present,  
and where those  
who are also present  
respond to God’s will.”

*Elane O’Rourke*

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“Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done  
on earth as it  
is in heaven.”

Matthew 6:10 CSB

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a will – *“the power or  
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God doesn't want to destroy our will  
or annihilate our personal kingdom,  
he wants us to trust him enough  
to willingly – *and wisely* –  
place our will and our kingdom under  
the influence of his will and his kingdom.

Luke 9:23-24 CSB

“If anyone wants to follow after me,  
let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me.

<sup>24</sup> For whoever wants to save his life will lose it,  
but whoever loses his life because of me will save it.”



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“My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.”

John 4:34 CSB

“For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me.”

John 6:38 CSB

“My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

Matthew 26:39 CSB

“...I do not seek my own will, but the will of him who sent me.”

John 5:30b CSB

“My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me.  
Nevertheless, your kingdom come. Your will be done.”

Therefore I will  
give him the many  
as a portion, and he  
will receive the mighty  
as spoil, because he  
willingly submitted  
to death....

Isaiah 53:12a CSB

For the joy that  
lay before him, he  
endured the cross,  
despising the shame,  
and sat down at the  
right hand of the  
throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2b CSB

“For whoever wants to save his personal kingdom will lose it,  
but whoever loses his personal kingdom because of me will save it.”

The smartest thing any human being can possibly do is  
give their life to follow Jesus,  
trusting him enough to daily place  
their will and their personal kingdom  
under the transformative influence  
of God's will and his eternal kingdom.