



Sanctuary

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GOD, IN YOUR
SANCTUARY; THE GOD
OF ISRAEL GIVES
POWER AND STRENGTH
TO HIS PEOPLE. PRAISE
BE TO GOD!*

- PSALMS 68:35

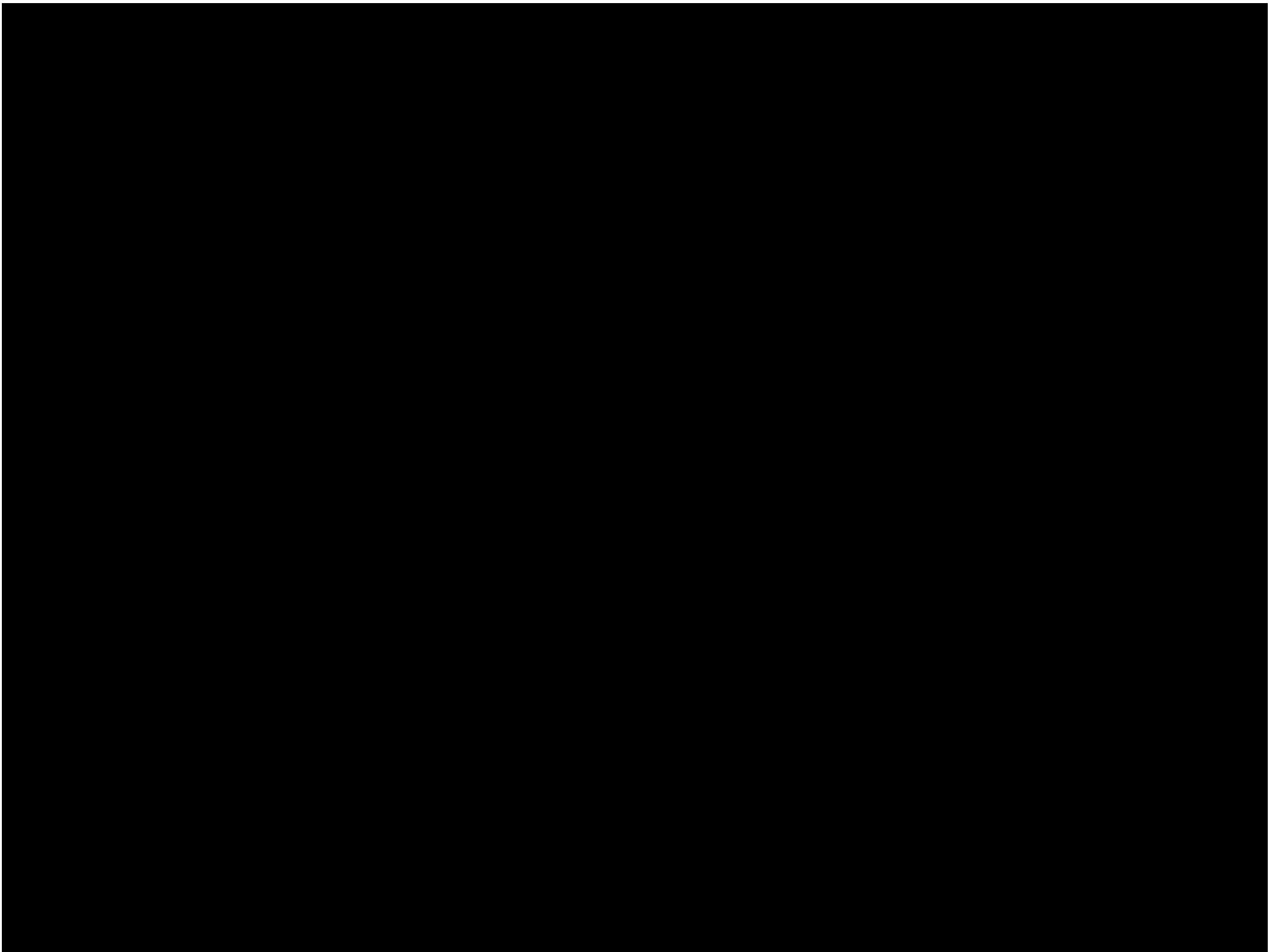
*Welcome to
Sierra Community Church*

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.



Following the Good News →

Different

1. The “Good News” is not advice or a set of rules, but an announcement of what God has done!

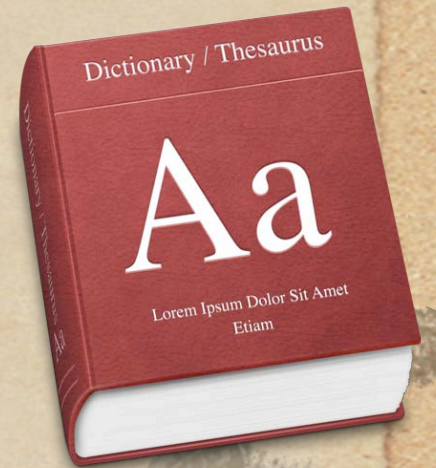
Following the Good News →

Different

2. Jesus didn't follow conventional rules in choosing his students.

Following the Good News

Different



"Students" = Disciples.

Learning to:

Think

Feel

Act



Galilee & Judea At the time of Christ

Fishing in The Sea of Galilee



The Twelve:

Peter (Simon)

Andrew

James

John

Philip

Bartholomew

(surname Nathanael)

Thomas

Matthew

James

(son of Alphaeus)

Thaddeus

Simon

Judas Iscariot

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Different

2. Jesus did follow

the rules of his
culture.

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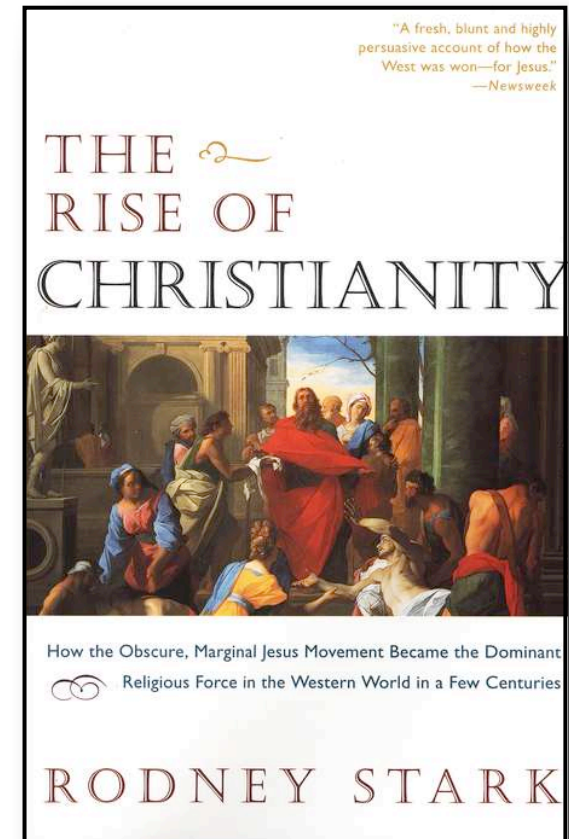
CONVERSION AND CHRISTIAN GROWTH

TABLE 1.1

Christian Growth Projected at 40 Percent per Decade

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of Christians</i>	<i>Percent of Population^a</i>
40	1,000	0.0017
50	1,400	0.0023
100	7,530	0.0126
150	40,496	0.07
200	217,795	0.36
250	1,171,356	1.9
300	6,299,832	10.5
350	33,882,008	56.5


^a Based on an estimated population of 60 million.



40 AD - 1000 .0017%

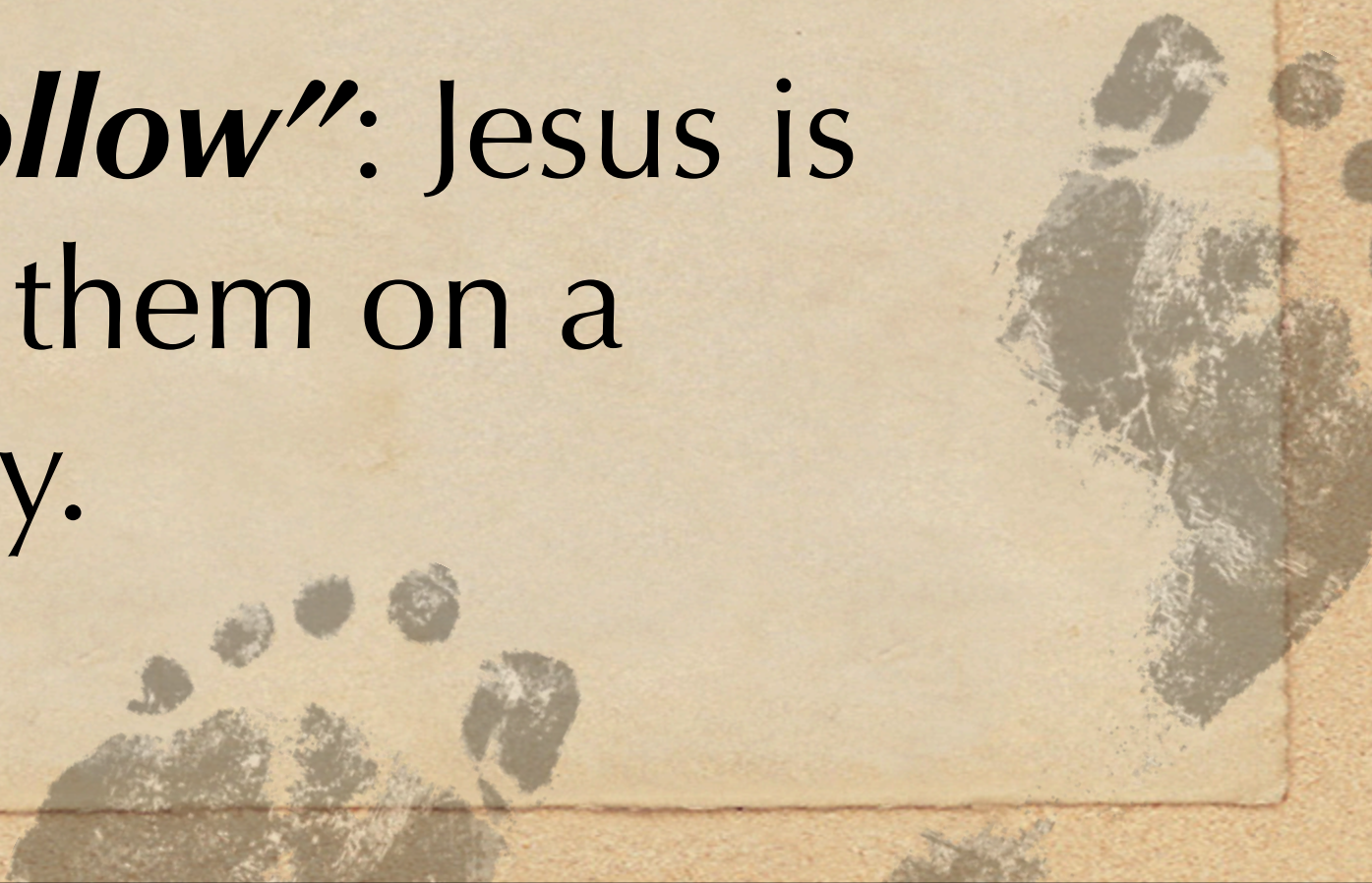
350 AD - 33,882,008 56%

Following the Good News



Developmental

1. ***“Follow”***: Jesus is taking them on a Journey.

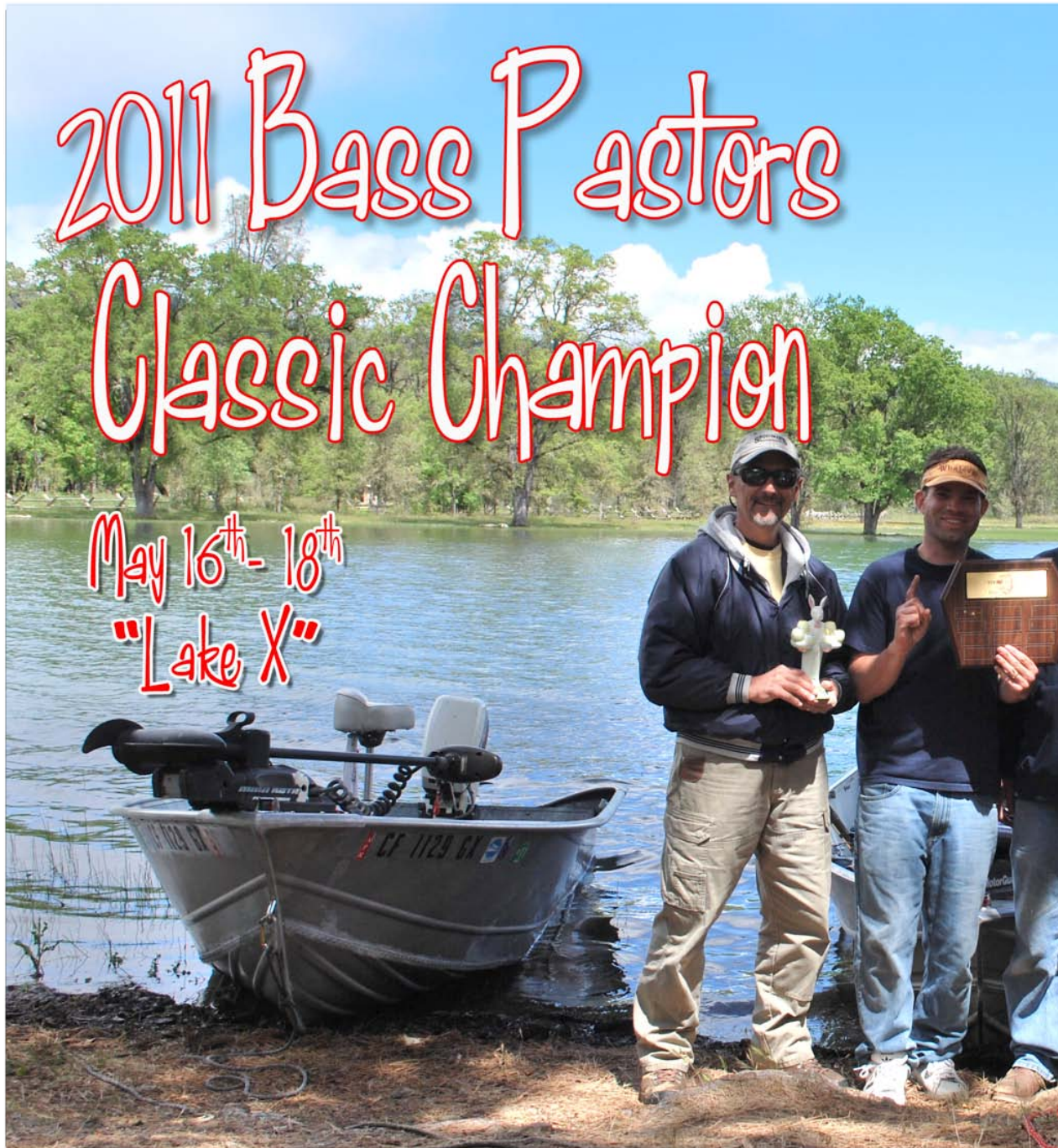


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NEWS →

2011 Bass Pastors Classic Champion

May 16th-18th
"Lake X"



2.

Just as Israel has been tasked with fighting against the forces of chaos (represented in the Psalms as raging waters), Jesus' baptism reveals his solidarity with Israel's mission and his commitment to Israel's cause. "Yeshua is immersed in the raging waters of Chaos on Israel's behalf, that those seas might be calmed through him."⁶⁵

HEALING THE SCHISM: BARTH, ROSENZWEIG AND THE NEW JEWISH-CHRISTIAN ENCOUNTER:

Jennifer M. Rosner - January 2012

³⁴ Kinzer, *The Shape of Messianic Jewish Theology*, Lecture 6: Evil and Its Conquest, 2. According to Jonathan Sacks, "each element of creation has its proper place." ⁶⁵ Kinzer, *The Shape of Messianic Jewish Theology*, Lecture 6: Evil and Its Conquest, 4. 262



Jennifer Rosner

Following the Good News →

Developmental

2. *“Fishers of People”*:

Learn a new order in your life that will help others escape the chaos too.

Following the Good News

Dangerous

1. John the Baptist was put in jail!

Following the Good News

Dangerous

2. They left their places of comfort and security.



John Ortberg - "*Total Freedom*" 4/4/09

It is a big moment in your life when you hand someone else the keys, when you trade seats in the car, because up until now, I've been driving. I choose the destination. I choose the route.



I choose the speed. But if we are to change seats, if you're going to drive, *I have to trust you because it's all about control.* Really, whoever is this seat is the person in control.



Following the Good News →

Dangerous

3. It would cost most of them their lives.

Following the Good News →

Decision?

1. The “Good News” won’t mean much to those who don’t think they need to Repent.

Fly vs. Drive

What about you?

Don’t come to me because He is relevant

Because He’ll make you better (off)

Because He’ll make you happy

Because He’s a great moral teacher?

Who are you following?

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Decision?

2. Are *you* ready to accept the invitation to follow?



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