



LEGH ACHAREI

Come follow me

Traveler or Follower?

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- "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, **any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.**
- "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.
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– *Luke 14:25-33 (NIV)*

Education System

- *“Above all, the education of our children is paramount... before the age of six we will not take a student, but once they turn six years old, we accept them and stuff them with Torah like an ox”*
 - Josephus, Jewish Historian, The Talmudeen, BB, 1A

Bet Sefer: Ages 6-10

Bet Talmud: 10-14

Bet Midrash: 15 or older

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- As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.
- "Come, **follow me**," Jesus said, "**and I will make you** fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.
 - Matthew 4: 18-23 (NIV)

Have faith...

- During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.
 - But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."
 - "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."
 - "Come," he said.
 - Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"
 - Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"
 - And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."
- Matthew 14:25-33 (NIV)

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- The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"
They said, "Rabbi, where are you staying?"
- "Come," he replied, "and you will see."
So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour.
- Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.
Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).
- The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." **Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.**

– John 1 : 35-44 (NIV)

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