

## It's A Wrap!

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When shooting on a movie or television set is completed and there are no more scenes or work to be done on the set for the day or at all, the Director will give two sets of instruction, the first is, "check the gate", which means he wants the crew to be sure they've got all they need for the scene (i.e.-film is good, sounds is good, lighting, etc.), then once that's acknowledged, the Director will shout for all to hear, "It's a wrap". What they're saying is that at least for the major part of the action for the movie or episode, the shooting is done. The only work left would now be the touch up such as 'pick up shots' (fill-ins for scenes, scenery shots, etc.), editing, voice over work, and of course, the process to get the production on screen for viewers to enjoy.

Isn't that how much of our walk with God can seem to us and what so many of us are experiencing in our lives and walk with Christ Jesus even now. We've made it to a "precipice" in our lives, a "peak", if you will, on what seems like a mountain top and one of the first thoughts that come to mind is, "That's a wrap!" But the funny thing is that from the top we see another valley ahead and guess what? You've got it. We can see we have more hills and mountains to climb and paths to travel. There's more to be done.

Life is an adventure. I'm blessed to be on this journey of life with the Greatest Guide Available. The One Who's Price is worth far more than we could ever afford on our own, and yet, He offers His services to us, having paid IN FULL the price necessary for our journey with Him and the only instruction we're given if we want this is to "Follow Me (Him; Jesus Christ)..". What makes this offer special is that it comes with a Promise, "and I will make you Fishers of Men". (**Matthew 4:19**)

So often, we walk the path of life thinking that when we accept Jesus as Lord, all of a sudden, we're supposed to "get it", being immediately transformed into people who are spiritual "giants" and "warriors of God", knowledgeable in all things that are God, and when we don't, we can get so easily frustrated, some even to the point of giving up and quitting the journey altogether.

We need to remember that Jesus starts by telling us, just as He told the twelve apostles who walked closest with Him, that if we are to be like Him and walk with Him ourselves, we must first and foremost, "**Follow Him**". You notice He didn't say run Him down or chase after Him, but simply, "**Follow.**"

There is a difference. You see, when you are intimate with someone and close to someone you love and admire, you walk with him or her and you imitate them, you follow their lead. You don't need to chase after them because they love your company and aren't trying to escape from you, but rather want to fellowship and grow with you. That's how good families are formed and great friendships built. That's also how loyal servants respond to their masters and children respond to their parents.

If you "Follow" Jesus - Imitate Him, Mimic Him, Learn from Him, Become Like Him, Walk After (NOT Before) Him, and Follow His Lead, choosing Him and no other, remaining focused on Him, doing things His way, according to His Words, watch and see what He does with you.

There's a transformation coming (**Romans 12:1-2**) as you renew your mind and turn your thoughts toward Jesus. It's a change that will truly make you a "**Fisher of Men**".

It's when you allow Jesus to lead you and help transform you into the child of God that you've been called to be, that you fully realize, this isn't a "wrap", but only the beginning of the "next production".