

# WALK IT / TALK IT

## Part 3: Following God

**WEEK OF March 21, 2021**

Are you who you say are? Do you have the kind of relationship with God you say you do? Your answer depends on whether you're more of a fan or a follower of God.

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### MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- D.T.R.: Define The Relationship
  - What would happen if you had a D.T.R. conversation with Jesus?
  - **Luke 9:23** - Then he (Jesus) said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."
  - Are you a totally devoted follower or just a fan?
  - **Revelation 3:15-17** - I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.
  - What is a lukewarm Christian?
  - They crave acceptance and approval from people more than from God.
  - They rarely share their faith with others.
  - They rationalize or explain away their sin.
  - They think more about life on earth than eternity in heaven.
  - They only turn to God when they need something.
  - They only give when it's convenient.
  - They aren't much different than anyone else.
  - **Revelation 3:19** - Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.
  - God meets us right where we are. And then he loves us enough not to leave us there.
  - **Rev. 3:20** - Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.
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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are you a diehard fan of, if anything? Are you a fair-weather fan of anything?
2. What do you think the difference is between being a fan of God versus following God?
3. Which, if any, of the following aspects of a lukewarm faith do you experience the most?  
Are there any other lukewarm aspects of your faith?
  - Craving acceptance and approval from people more than from God.
  - Rarely sharing your faith with others.
  - Rationalizing or explaining away sin.
  - Thinking more about life on earth than eternity in heaven.
  - Only turning to God when you need something.
  - Only giving when it's convenient.
  - Not much difference in the way you live vs. the people around you.
4. God loves to meet us where we are. He also loves us enough not to leave us there. Do you believe that being loved by God (and accepting that) can lead to true growth? Why or why not? Have you ever experienced that?