

## A Rags to Riches Story

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### The Text

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, “I will follow You wherever You go.” <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, “The foxes have holes and the birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has *nowhere to lay His head.*” <sup>59</sup> And He said to another, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup> But He said to him, “Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but *as for you*, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup> Another also said, “I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say good-bye to those at home.” <sup>62</sup> But Jesus said to him, “No one, after putting his hand to the plow and *looking back*, is fit for the kingdom of God.” – Luke 9:57-62

<sup>18</sup> Now when Jesus saw a crowd around Him, He gave orders to depart to the other side *of the sea.* <sup>19</sup> Then a scribe came and said to Him, “Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go.”

<sup>20</sup> Jesus \*said to him, “The foxes have holes and the birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.” <sup>21</sup> Another of the disciples said to Him, “Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.” <sup>22</sup> But Jesus \*said to him, “Follow Me, and allow the dead to bury their own dead.” – Matthew 8:18-22

Message: Jesus became poor so that we might become rich!

### Jesus came to suffer.

What if a homeless man walked into this building and began saying, ‘Follow me’? would you follow?

Jesus came to suffer poverty of various kinds so that we might become rich.

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Luke 2:7; 2:24; 2 Corinthians 8:9; 4:7-12; 6:4-10; 11:23-28

Jesus came to live without a home.

Jesus set the example of being willing to suffer impoverished circumstances in order to bring riches to others.

### **Jesus came to submit.**

What if that same homeless man told you that in following him you would have to make doing what he says the priority of your life? Would you follow?

Jesus submitted to do His Father's will in the face of what He had to suffer.

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Jesus came to proclaim a new allegiance that could result in impoverished relations.

Luke 14:25-35

### **Jesus came to serve.**

What if that same homeless man told you that you would have to put all other relationships and pursuits in this world second to furthering his agenda? Would you follow?

Jesus served others with his eyes fixed on the joy of the riches of the kingdom to come.

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Jesus came to call us to a new kingdom that might result in impoverished securities.

Luke 17:28-33

### **Conclusion**

Are you willing to suffer on the way to glory?

Are you willing to be poor that others might be rich?