**RISE UP** in 2021

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**A Christmas You’ll Never Forget**

The Principle of Modeling



We all **imitate** someone or something.

Imitate: to take or follow as model, to copy behavior or simulate.

Who or what are you **imitating**?

Jesus Christ’s call is for you to ‘**follow’** Him.

*Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12*

*Be Imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.*

*1 Corinthians 11:1*

*For you have bene called for this purpose, since Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example to follow in His steps.*

*1 Peter 2:21*

*Therefor be imitators of God, as beloved children.*

*Ephesians 5:1*

*Put your mind on the things that are above…*

*Colossians 3:2*

*Compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.*

*Colossians 3:13*

What you **imitate** is what you **model** … what you model is what they imitate.

*Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.*

*Philippians 3:17*

Our **motivation** determines if we are mimicking or imitating.

You are not **perfect**; you strive for perfection.

Imitating Jesus means taking on the **identity** He has given you.

You are **royalty.**

*“…and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.” Revelations 1:5*

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9*

You are a **servant.**

*“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

*Mark 10:45*

*If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.  John 13:14*

Intimacy with **God** is the key.

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

*2 Peter 3:18*

Morning Mindset – Today, I can imitate Jesus’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so I will model it to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.