

In sports, you might have a favorite team, or a favorite player. There is something about them that you relate to. You will go to the game or watch them on T.V. to cheer them on when they are playing.

However, there are those who...

- knows the teams history
- can quote the team stats
- knows everything about each team player and their personal stats
- They attend every home game no matter the weather (will make the away games if possible)
- follows them in and out of season
- Have analyzed the team to be able to predict game outcomes

These people can appear obsessed with their team and its players. They are not just fans; they are followers. They are not satisfied with the cover story, they want all of the details. They seek

out the information. They are a wealth of knowledge, a “go to” person when you need the facts. They become part of the team. They are ready to go out on the field if necessary

Something to consider...

Are you a **fan** of Jesus Christ, or are you a **follower** of Jesus Christ?

You see, Jesus has a lot of fans. These are people who cheer Jesus on when everything is going good; however, when things get rough, they step away. Fans stay safely on the bench where there is no commitment, no sacrifice, no chance of loss. However, that’s not what Jesus wants.

In **Matthew 16:24-25** it reads, *“24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.25 For whoever wants to*

save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.”

This is the battle cry of a follower. Followers are ready to define their relationship with Jesus Christ.

- It’s not just about making a decision to surrender, but actually surrendering.
- They don’t just want to know about Jesus Christ, they want to develop an intimate relationship with Him.
- They want to know everything He knows and feel everything He feels.
- At the end of the day, they want to have God ideas, instead of good ideas or great ideas.

Are you ready to leave the fan club? Are you ready for a new journey?

Are you ready to **follow** Jesus?