

The New Middle Road

by Francis Chan

Francis Chan challenges the church to move beyond a middle road of complacency and towards radical obedience to Jesus' teachings.

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Scripture: Matthew 7:13

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the misconception of a 'middle road' in Christianity where people believe they can do good things in the name of Jesus without fully committing to radical discipleship. The speaker challenges the idea that following Jesus is like playing 'Simon says' where memorization and knowledge suffice, rather than true obedience and action. The message highlights the importance of walking as Jesus walked and not distorting the teachings of Christ to fit personal desires.

Transcript

And that the arguments I've had where where uh, you know people have said, you know One guy you've been in my church for like 15 years ever since it started I thought I was one of the key guys and he comes to me, you know, just just not too long ago And he goes, you know Francis, here's the problem with you. He goes you think everyone needs to be this radical You you think that Jesus calls us all to be radicals He goes he goes, you know, you think there's just these few radicals and and and he goes, you know There's this you got to understand right? So there's that there's this middle road Where where you know people, you know, they profess Christ and they do some good things And it's like you're you're you're you're neglecting that whole middle road Did you guys know that There's a narrow road That leads to life there's a wide road that leads to structure and now there's this new middle road See I didn't know that Like a carpool lane you get it's just this is weird new road We created where you can just do some good things in the name of Jesus and still whole It's it's you know it You're serious right now You're dead serious you found a middle road You guys I'm not a real you gotta understand those who know me know that I'm not a real Complicated guy. I I I tend to think like a kid.

I tend to just go well, it seems like what it says You know, I I remember when when I was a kid we used to play this game called follow the leader remember that I mean some of you guys don't because you just played video games and But we just play this game called follow the leader where the leader, you know flaps his wings and you do the same thing And it was easy. You just do what the leader did and it's so

weird how in the church We've twisted this and follow Jesus is a different game. You don't really have to Flap your wings.

You don't accent you can just sit there and do it in your heart Seriously You know when I read the scriptures as a man whoever claims to know it must must walk as Jesus walked But we're going on doing that in my heart. You're like the kids sitting on the recliner. Oh, no, I'm flapping my wings in my heart It doesn't make sense It's it's it's we distort things because of what we want.

You know, remember you remember Simon says That's easy, right? Simon says pat your head But Jesus says is a totally different game If Jesus says something you just have to memorize it That's what we do in the church if Jesus said you just got to study it You just gotta you just have to be able to quote it in the Greek You just it's it's it has nothing to do with. Hey, Jesus says You look when my daughter, you know comes to me and I go look go clean your room She knows better than to come back a few hours later and goes dad I memorized what you said I Can say it in Greek In fact some of my friends we're gonna consider and come over and we do a little study on what it would look like to clean my room It just It's not making sense to me and and all I can say is that we're twisting things We do we do in the church and we create this little way where we don't actually have to do what Jesus called

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