



## A Committed Response to Jesus

What is a committed response? A response with commitment requires genuineness or being true to oneself. If you are not genuine and honest, you cannot give a committed response to a cause or a call.



Jesus meets three people in John's Gospel: Nicodemus the Jewish teacher, the Samaritan woman at the well, and the official at Capernaum. It is interesting to see how they responded to Him. Nicodemus knew Jesus was a teacher sent by God because of His miracles and admired Him only as a miracle worker. However Jesus wanted Nicodemus to give a proper faith response.

Jesus told Nicodemus that true faith in Him is possible only when one is born of “Water and the Spirit”. By this Jesus meant that Nicodemus would have to be totally committed to Jesus and accept Him as the Son of God.

But he failed to commit himself and instead continued to believe in Jesus only because of the miracles He worked.

The Samaritan woman at the well was different. She could not believe that Jesus, a Jew, had asked for water from her, as her people were outcastes for the Jews. Through her dialogue with Him, the woman slowly came to realise that Jesus was different from other Jews. Because of His knowledge of her past, she moved to acknowledging Him as a Prophet. Finally through their conversation, the Samaritan woman acknowledges Jesus to be the Messiah which she conveys to her people who also accept Jesus.



The response of the Samaritan woman and her people is deeper than that shown by Nicodemus. While Nicodemus’ response was based only on the miracles (actions) performed by Jesus, the response of the Samaritan woman and her people was a one based only on the words of Jesus. The response of the official at Capernaum (*John 4*) was much more deeper in faith to Jesus because he did not insist that Jesus must come and touch his son, who was on the point of death. The official believed all at once that Jesus was the Messiah and hence did not need any proof. He returns with full confidence and faith in the life-giving words of Jesus.

The royal official and his family at Capernaum recognized Jesus as the Messiah, the anointed one, the Son of God. They become for us an example and teach us that our faith and response to Jesus should not be just because He works miracles or speaks words of wisdom.



## Word of God

John 4:49-50

"Sir," replied the official, "come with me before my child dies." Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live!" The man believed Jesus' words and went.



**Book:** *Not a Fan: Becoming a Completely Committed Follower of Jesus* by Kyle Idleman is an MP3 CD – Audiobook, MP3 Audio, Unabridged. "Jesus never asked us to sit on the side-lines and cheer for his cause," — Craig Groeschel, a senior pastor. Fans want to be close enough to Jesus to get all the benefits, but not so close that it requires sacrifice. It's not fans Jesus is looking for. He wants committed followers who are ready to pay the cost of discipleship. Kyle invites you to take an honest look at your relationship with Jesus. His call to follow may seem radical to us, but Jesus desires it for every believer.

### Reading

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Read the profile of Saint Ignatius of Loyola who made a committed response to Jesus and established the Society of Jesus or the Jesuits and write a short note on the saint.

**Bible@Home** - John 2: 23 - 3:10

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