

To Follow the Christ

WAKE UP...Perceive love...Get rich by becoming poor...Take risks...Forge community incessantly...Play...Question Dogma...Expect the unexpected...Find the Christ within you...Let go...Welcome feelings...Take your own spiritual inventory, letting others deal with theirs...Nourish the Earth...Untie resentments...Offer blessings...Sing (even off key)...Embrace your shadow ...Follow the Christ...Confess your vulnerability...Celebrate...Gift yourself with quiet contemplation...Accept your universal family, all equal, all loved...Pray, by listening...Love yourself, *really*, and your neighbor...Follow the Christ...Delight in other faiths, noticing the connecting threads...Enjoy your sexuality...Remember that everyone has their story...Look into the eyes of children, finding yourself...Laugh uproariously...Grieve openly...Follow your heart...Share, rather than compete...Create beauty...Eat with crazy friends--and enemies...Be a spendthrift with compassion...Liberate your priorities...Just be...Follow the Christ...Excavate joy...Study scripture, not worship it...Wash feet...Consider death as a gentle birth...Establish sacred places anywhere, everywhere...Feed the hungry, clothe the naked...Commit random acts of kindness...Disdain seeking permission...Lean toward balance...Acknowledge the Divine in your soul...Stand in an enemy's shoes...Avoid labels and confining roles...Follow the Christ...Live on the edges of respectability...Be holy (wholly), not holier-than-thou...Cherish someone...Personify the Good News...Consider the lilies of the field...Resurrect...Live passionately...Follow the Christ...Heal...Squander charity...Receive Grace...Make things new...Visit a prisoner...Live simply...Refuse war...Grin...Review absolutes...Be a servant not a sermon...Follow the Christ...Seek justice...Eschew idolatry...Acquire courage...Wander...Melt swords into ploughshares...Allow...Reach out to others in all sorts of embarrassing ways...Marvel...Continue the Journey, wherever you are, a step at a time...Follow the Christ...

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