

Following Jesus *(Stephen enters driving a car slowly – cardboard cutout)*

Ian: Stephen, what are you doing?

Stephen: Well, someone told me I should follow Jesus. So I'm giving it a go. He's just up ahead.

Ian: You're following Jesus in a car!?

Stephen: Sure, why not do it in comfort! Comfy leather seats. Soft suspension. Very relaxing. Hang on, let me just adjust the heater. Aaah, that's better.

Ian: Stephen, you can't follow Jesus in comfort. It just doesn't work that way.

Stephen: Works for me.

Ian: And why are you so far back from where Jesus is? You can't follow Jesus from a distance.

Stephen: Hey, I've been looking at what Jesus is doing. He gets his hands dirty. He gets right in there with the muck and dirt of humanity. I can do without that.

Ian: Stephen, if you're going to follow Jesus, you will be right there in the muck with him. And you will be doing that 24/7.

Stephen: 24/7! I'm just following Jesus while I've got some time in my lunch break.

Hang on. Phone call. *(Stephen starts driving in a circle)* Yes, how are my shares going? Still dropping. That's a worry. Should I sell now or hold on? OK I'll hold on. Thanks for that. Got to go. Another call coming through. Yes?

Ian: Stephen.

Stephen: Oh, hold on. Yes Ian.

Ian: Do you realize you're driving around in circles? You're not actually going anywhere.

Stephen: What, don't be silly Ian! I'm always forging ahead. I'm really going places. Share portfolio; investment properties, successful business, gorgeous wife. Hey watch where you're driving you idiot! Yes *(into phone, still going in circles)* No, no more chances. I want you to fire him today. I'm not running a charity here y'know. Yes, I know he's got 4 children. I just hope they don't turn out to be losers like him.

Hey Ian, where did Jesus go?

Ian: Jesus is always on the move.

Stephen: Aah, doesn't matter. I'll catch up to him tomorrow. No, tomorrow's real busy. Maybe the day after. Have to phone the wife *(Continues talking on the phone as he keeps driving in circles)*. Hello my love. It's been a tough day. Yeah, shares are still dropping. Hey I followed Jesus for a bit this afternoon. Yeah! Not for me I think. Too much else I need to focus on, and he goes places I don't want to go.

(looks at Ian) Ian, what are you doing here? Are you following me?

Ian: Thankfully Stephen you are not the one I'm following.

(Stephen keeps going around in circles)

Umm..., Ian..., I think you're right. I really am just going around in circles. What's going on? How do I stop this?

Ian: Surrender your life into Jesus' life Stephen. It's the only way. Then you will truly follow him, and you will go great places you couldn't even dream of.

Stephen: I must admit Ian that I've kind of known for awhile in the back of my mind that my life was just going around in circles; I've actually been going nowhere. I'm ready to face that truth now. Time to follow Jesus.