

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT CHURCH?

Part 2 - You Can't Follow Jesus Alone

Hebrews 10:22-25



What to bring to church ...

- **Yourself.** *Just keep showing up and God will meet you here!*
- **A friend.** *You never know who needs hope. Who needs your invite?*
- **Your Bible.** *God wants to speak to you.*
- **Your faith.** *Come with expectation. God wants to move in your life.*
- **Your praise.** *When our praises go up, God's blessings rain down.*
- **Your children.** *Come believing that God has a plan for your family!*
- **Your offering.** *Every time you sow, you will reap!*

Ephesians 5:25-27

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that it might be holy and without blemish.

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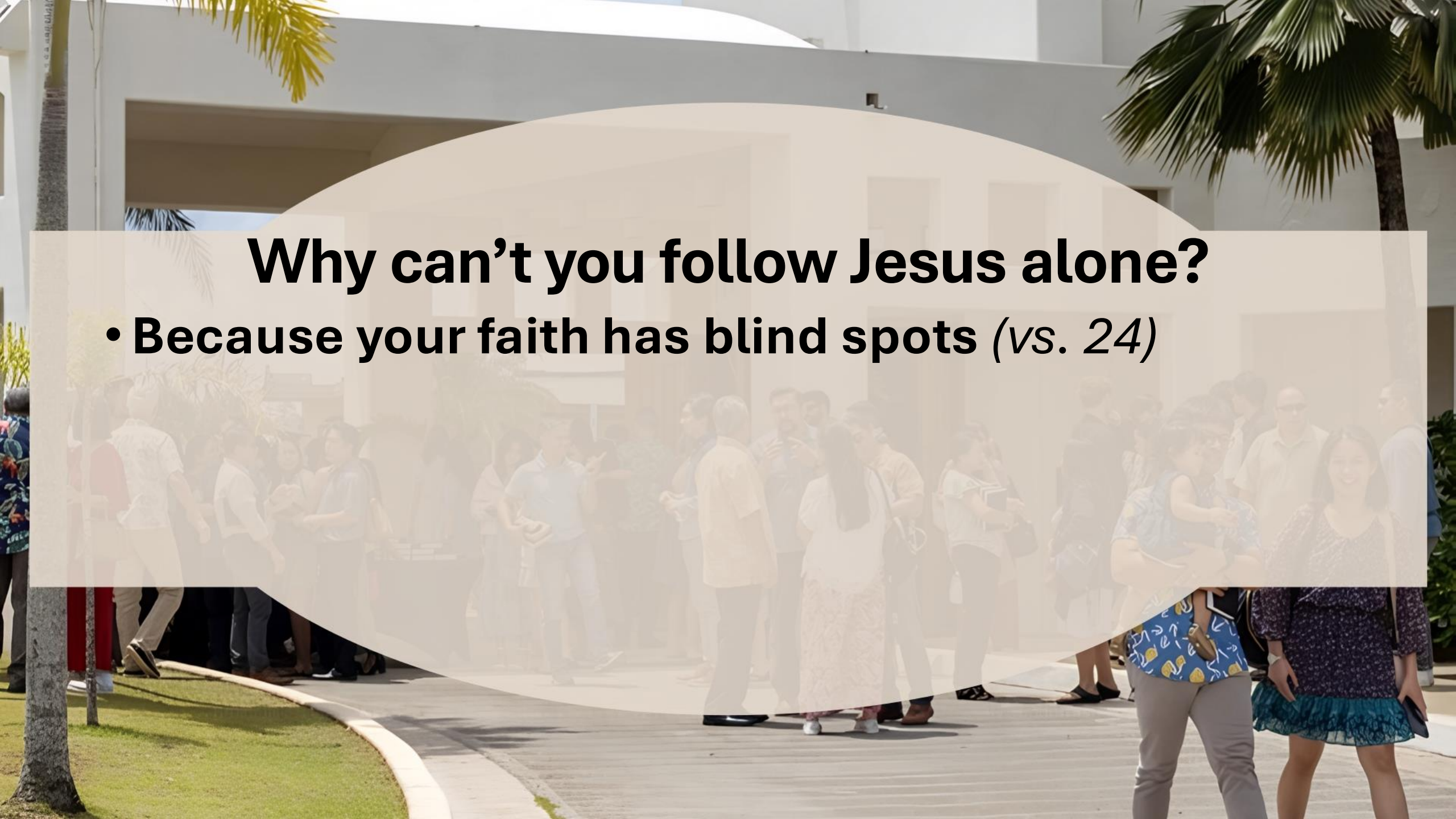
A large crowd of people is walking along a paved path in front of a modern, light-colored building. The scene is outdoors, with palm trees visible in the background. A large, semi-transparent green rectangular overlay covers the middle portion of the image, containing the text "Why can't you follow Jesus alone?" in a white, bold, italicized serif font. The text is centered within the green area.

***Why can't you follow
Jesus alone?***

In true community, 3 things happen:

- 1) We encourage each other to draw near to God in authentic faith (vs. 22).**
- 2) We reassure each other to stay strong in our faith during difficult seasons (vs. 23).**
- 3) We inspire each other to love others and care for them in practical ways (vs. 24).**

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A large crowd of people is walking on a paved path in front of a modern building with large windows and palm trees. The scene is bright and sunny. A semi-transparent white oval is overlaid on the image, containing the text.

Why can't you follow Jesus alone?

- **Because your faith has blind spots (*vs. 24*)**



***Isolation leaves you alone
with your own version of the story!***

Why can't you follow Jesus alone?

- **Because your faith has blind spots** (*vs. 24*)
- **Because your faith has a tendency to drift** (*vs. 25*)
- **Because your faith needs more than information**
 - **it needs formation** (*vs. 24*)



***Content can inform you.
Community helps form you.***

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- Biblical community means ... *I belong to a people.*



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IS WOVEN THROUGHOUT THE NEW TESTAMENT:

- Acts 2:41 — *“there were added that day about three thousand souls.”*
- Acts 2:47 — *“the Lord added to their number”*
- 1 Corinthians 5 distinguishes those “inside” the church from those “outside.”
- Hebrews 13:17 speaks of identifiable leaders who *“keep watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account.”*

What do we mean when we talk about community?

- Biblical community means ... *I belong to a people.*
- Biblical community means ... *I share my life with people.*
- Biblical community means ... *I take responsibility for other people.*



***You will never experience the fruit
of community without growing the
root of commitment.***