

# Aaron Pardue: Pressing into Jesus, Part 3

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Aaron Pardue, senior pastor of [Northway Baptist Church](#) in Angleton, desires his church “to be filled with followers.” Likewise, before being a leader, Pardue wants to be a follower—of Jesus.

Mark’s Gospel skips the birth narratives and starts immediately with the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, namely with John the Baptist baptizing Jesus, Pardue pointed out. Right after recounting Jesus’ baptism, the Gospel tells of Jesus calling four ordinary people—Peter, Andrew, James and John—to follow him.

Jesus still calls ordinary people to follow him, Pardue declared. Their responsibility is to preach the gospel throughout the world and to produce fruit that glorifies God. They are to follow Jesus right away, doing what he says because of the urgency of his good news, Pardue said. Followers of Jesus must be passionate in this pursuit, he added.

This sermon was delivered March 5, 2023, for the morning worship service

of Northway Baptist Church in Angleton as part of a series titled "Pressing into Jesus," in which "the church is looking into some of the narratives of Jesus in preparation for Easter."

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