

57 Seconds with Wilson S. Geisler IV

One-Term Urgency

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Jesus' entire ministry, from His baptism until His death, burial, and resurrection, lasted a little over three years. If God told you today that you only had three more years to work for Him, what difference would it make in how you spend your time? Theologians have long identified three overlapping phases of Jesus' ministry: "Come and See" where the crowd could hear, touch, and experience the gospel. "Come and Follow" where the crowd was asked to count the cost and decide if they would follow. And "Come and Be," where Jesus prayerfully chose twelve from His disciples to be *with* him. Most of His ministry was spent with these twelve, such that even after his death they would passionately follow His instructions and continue to build His church. This repeating and multiplying cycle of deep investment is how we, even in the 21st century, came to be saved. This three-year sense of *one-term urgency* fuels IMB missionaries who, never knowing when they'll be asked to leave, labor to deeply engage the least reached peoples in tough places.

Until our next *57 seconds*, be encouraged and follow fervently.