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Jesus Teaches about True Discipleship

"Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:27

"The definition of a disciple is in the invitation."

And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19

A disciple is one who is committed to:

- Following Jesus.
- Being <u>changed</u> by Jesus.
- Being on mission with Jesus.

True discipleship is all about our allegiance.

Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:25, 27

"Jesus is not <u>a priority</u>, He is <u>THE priority</u>.

When I am a follower, I don't:

- Name the place.
- Name the <u>path</u>.
- Name the price.

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When I am a follower, I will <u>love God and people</u> as Jesus did.

How did Jesus love people?

1. He made His focus the least and lost.

"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing."

"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost."

2. He loved the **unlovable**.

He entered Jericho and was passing through. And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. Luke 19:1-3

And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:9-10

3. He loves us enough to <u>tell the truth</u>.

And a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone." Luke 18:18-19

When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. Luke 18:22-23

"Our good enough is not good enough."

Application:

Will I do what He has told me to?

Will I follow Him?

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