

JESUS CALLS FOLLOWERS, NOT FANS

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Luke 14:25-33



- Idolized the Hong Kong actor from age of 16
- She admired the actor intensely, but has no relationship
- We can be admiring Jesus, but have no relationship



**WE ARE FANS,
NOT DISCIPLES**



**JESUS DOESN'T CALL FANS,
HE CALLS DISCIPLES**



**WHAT DOES IT MEANS TO
BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS?**



SUPREMACY

SUPREMACY

*If anyone comes to me
and does not hate his own
father and mother and wife
and children and brothers and
sisters, yes, and even his own
life, he cannot be my disciple.*

(Luke 14:26)



SUPREMACY

CHRIST MUST COME FIRST



SUPREMACY

CHRIST MUST COME FIRST

**Not about disrespect,
but about PRIORITY**



SUPREMACY

**Even your deepest
human relationships
cannot take priority over
Me**

**His love for God
came before his love
for his son.**





SACRIFICE



SACRIFICE

*Whoever does not bear
his own cross and
come after me
cannot be my disciple.*

(Luke 14:27)



SACRIFICE

**You must be willing
to die to
your comfort,
your reputation,
your rights,
and even your life.**



SACRIFICE

**Don't follow me
unless you know
what you're giving up.**



SACRIFICE

Examples of bearing your own cross:

- Choose to forgive

The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of wheat stalks. The left half of the image is in sharp focus, showing the texture of the green wheat leaves and stems. The right half is blurred, creating a sense of depth. The overall color palette is green and yellow.

SACRIFICE

Examples of bearing your own cross:

- Choose to forgive
- Saying 'NO' to sin



SACRIFICE

Examples of bearing your own cross:

- Choose to forgive
- Saying 'NO' to sin
- Serving without recognition



SACRIFICE

Examples of bearing your own cross:

- Choose to forgive
- Saying 'NO' to sin
- Serving without recognition
- Obedience / Sacrifice



SACRIFICE

Examples of bearing your own cross:

- Choose to forgive
- Saying 'NO' to sin
- Serving without recognition
- Obedience / Sacrifice
- Speak up for biblical truth

The background of the image is a close-up, blurred photograph of green wheat stalks. The stalks are long and thin, with some showing the developing grain. The overall color is a deep, muted green. A white rectangular box is centered horizontally and vertically, containing the word "SURRENDER" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

SURRENDER



SURRENDER

*So therefore, any one of
you who does not renounce
all that he has
cannot be my disciple.*

(Luke 14:33)



SURRENDER

Not giving out of defeat,
...but out of TRUST



SURRENDER

For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?



SURRENDER

Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

(Luke 14:28-30)

**Half-built tower
is a monument
to
unfinished faith**





**Half-built tower
is a monument
to
unfinished faith**

*Do not build a life of faith
with spare time
and loose change.*

*It takes surrender, your
time, money, reputation,
and dreams.*



SURRENDER

Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?



SURRENDER

And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.

(Luke 14:31-32)



SURRENDER

Not to resist
*But to **SURRENDER***



SURRENDER

Examples of Surrender:

- Relationship



SURRENDER

Examples of Surrender:

- Relationship
- Children / Family



SURRENDER

Examples of Surrender:

- Relationship
- Children / Family
- Financial Security

***I AM NOT JUST A FAN.
I FOLLOW JESUS.
NO MATTER WHAT.***