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

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)





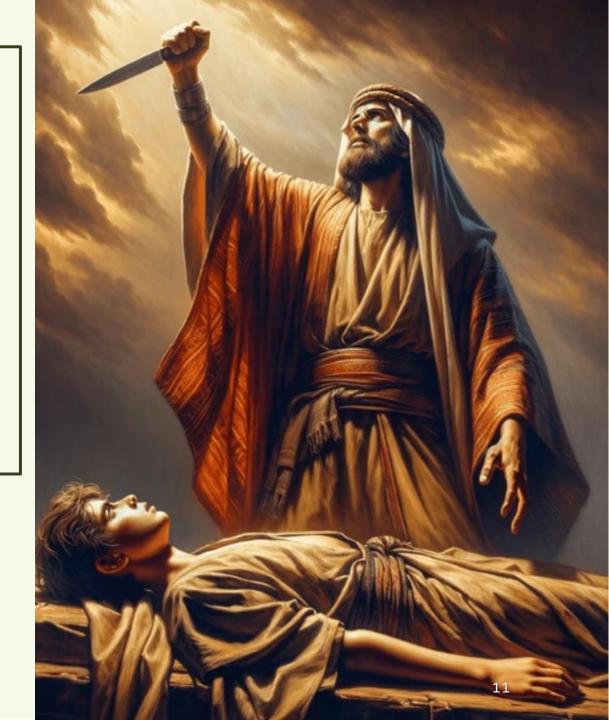
CHRIST MUST COME FIRST

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.





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

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

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

Examples of bearing your own cross:

- Choose to forgive

SACRIFICE

- Choose to forgive
- Saying 'NO' to sin



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

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- Speak up for biblical truth



So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:33)

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

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?

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)

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

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

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?

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)

Not to resist But to SURRENDER

Examples of Surrender:

- Relationship

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- Financial Security

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