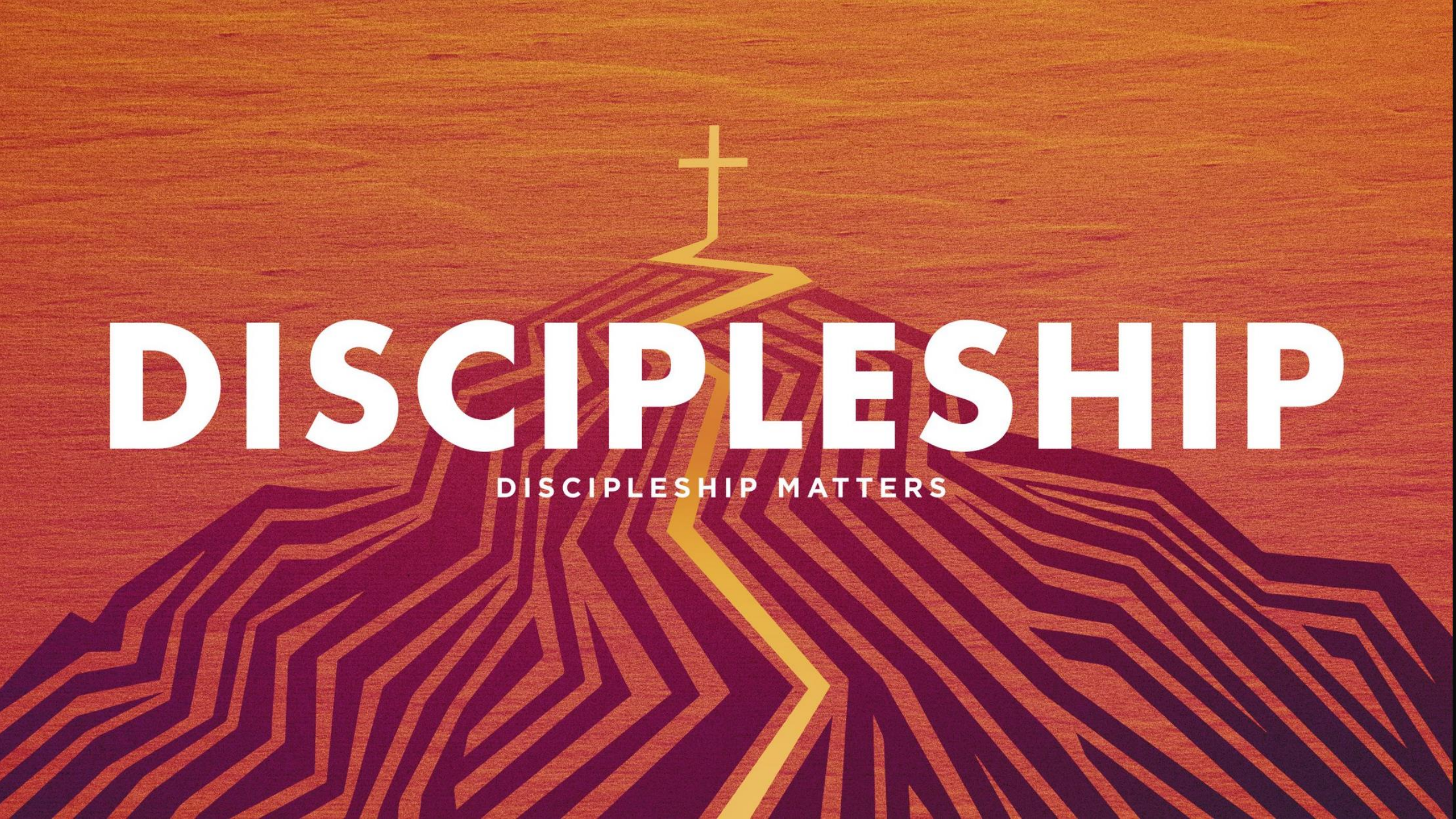


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DISCIPLESHIP

DISCIPLESHIP MATTERS

Discipleship?

Discipleship: *following Jesus*

- Mathetes (Gk):
- Taught/ trained one.
- A Learner under a teacher.
- A Companion with a guru.
(Mk. 3:14) to be with Him.

Who is a Disciple?

The one who
LEARNS from
His Master
Mat. 11:29



The one who
LIVES like His
Master
John 15:8

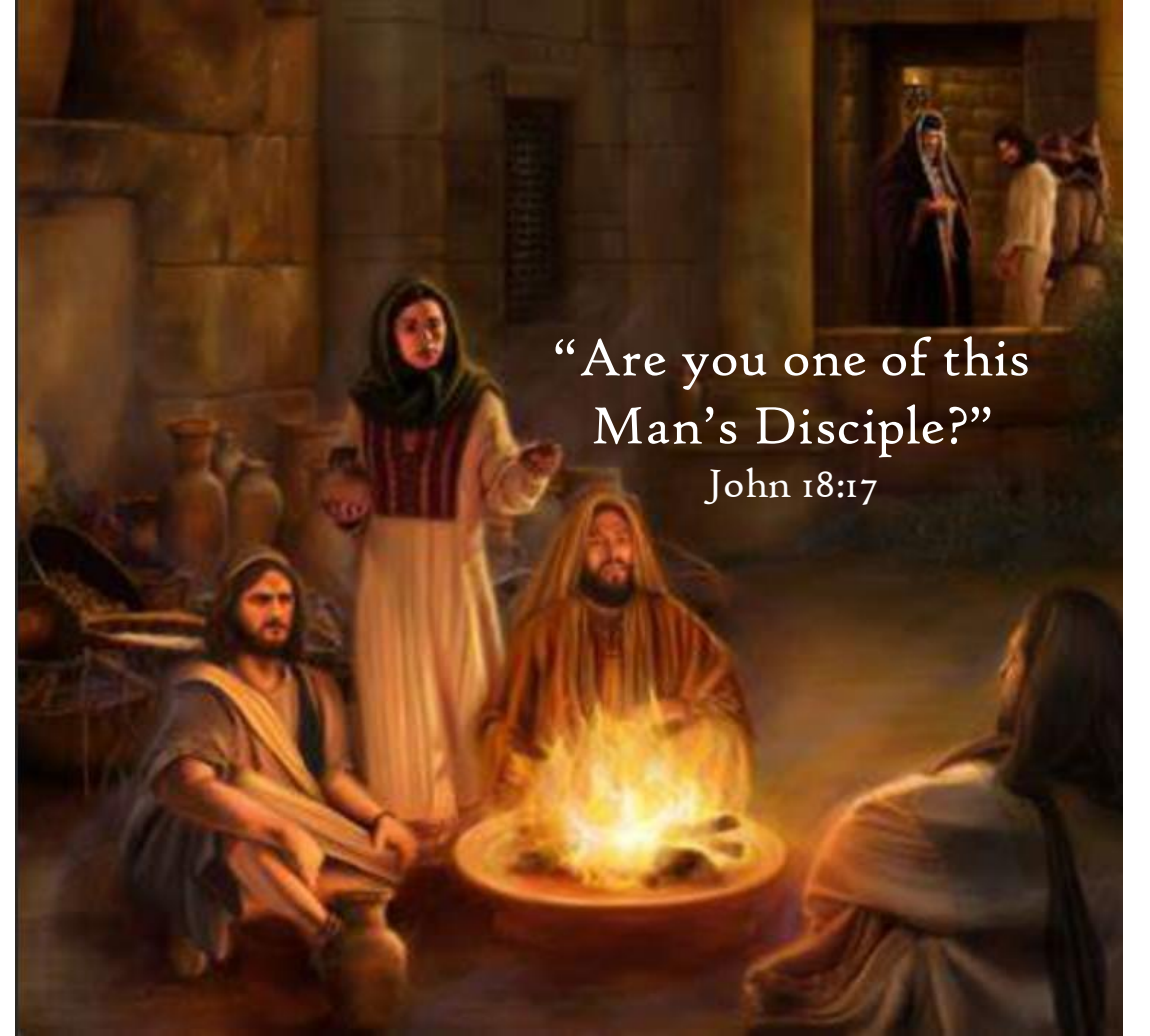


The one who
LEANS on his
Master
John 8:31



The one who
LOVES like his
Master.
John 13:35

- Are you one of this Man's Disciple? - నీవును ఈ మనుష్యుని శిష్యులలో ఒకడవా?
- We know Peter's reply on that day, what is your answer today?
- Christians Vs. Disciple
- Faith (belief) without works (behavior) is Dead.
James 2:17
- Great omission of the Great Commission – Discipleship.





*And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and **take up his cross** **daily** and follow me. Luke 9:23*

THE CALL TO **DISCIPLESHIP**



And he said to all, - Universal Call

If anyone - Personal Commitment

let him ... take up his cross - Cost of the Call

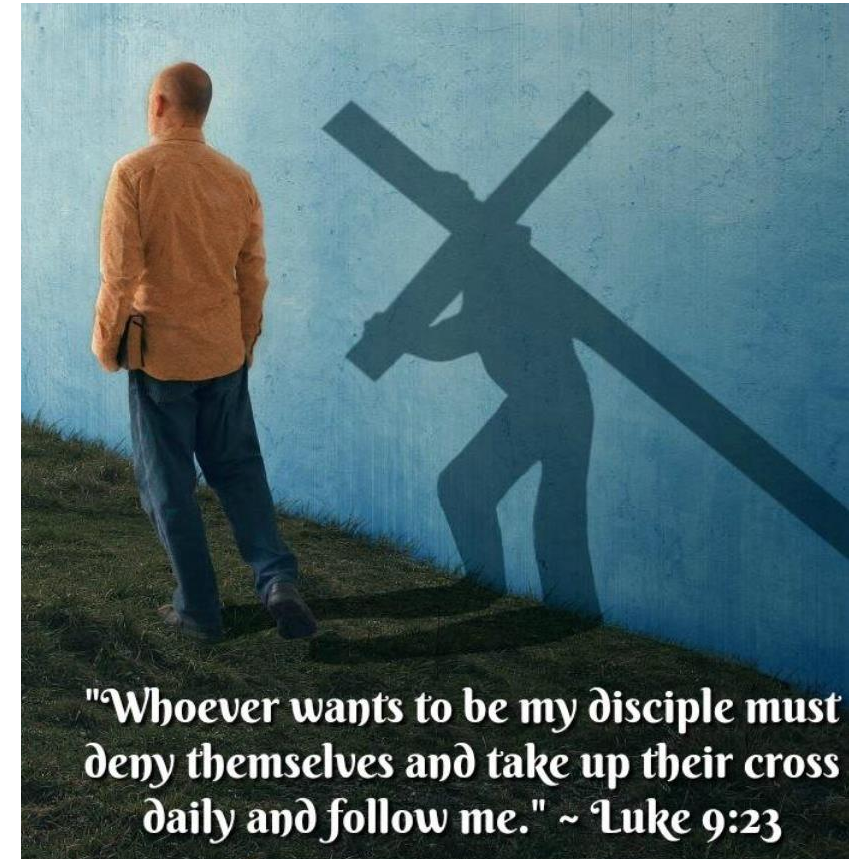
Daily - not as an occasion , but as a vocation.

Follow Me - not a set of principles, but a Person.

follow
me

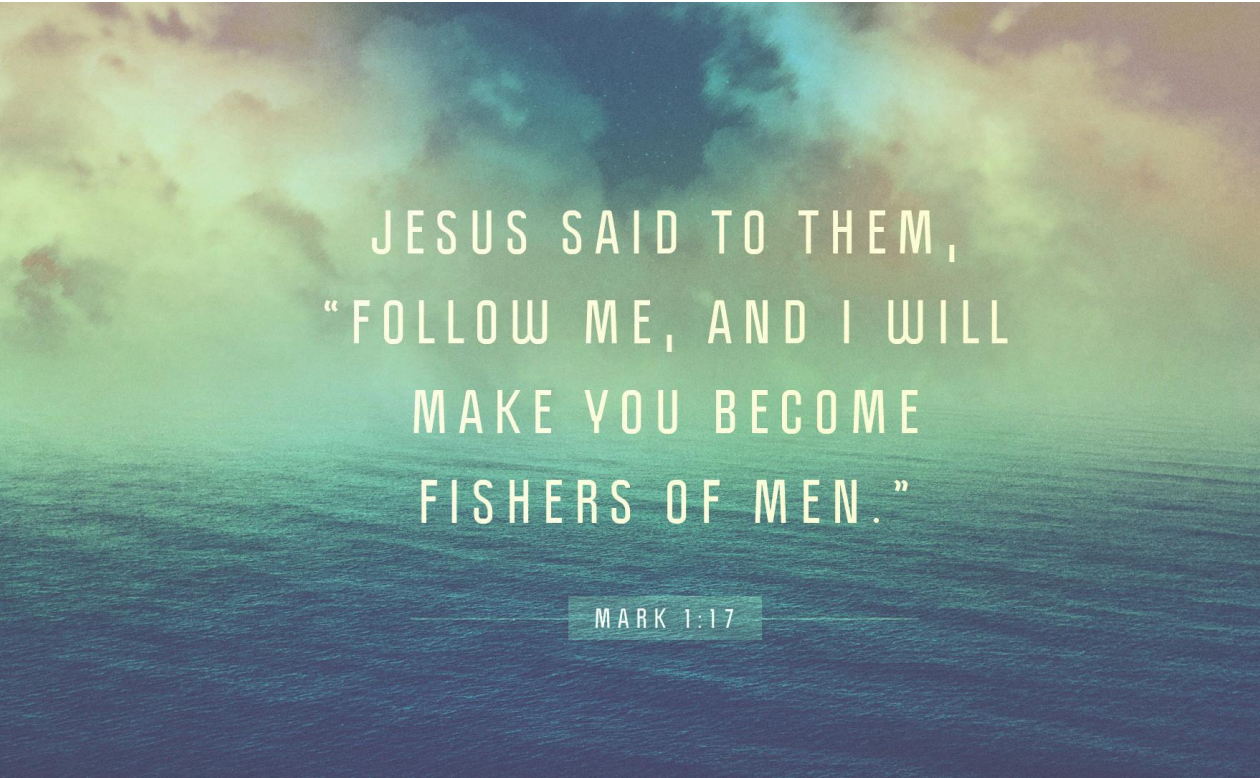
A Call to Discipleship

- Come unto Me Mt. 11:28
- Come after Me Lk. 9:23
- Come unto me Vs. Come after me.
 - Outside group Vs. Inside Group
 - To Faith Vs. to Follow
 - To Sonship Vs. to Discipleship
 - to Laydown Vs. to Take up
- *Four stages of Discipleship:*
- *Come & See -> Follow Me -> Go & Make -> Feed my lamb*
- An invitation from a King is a Direct Command



"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." ~ Luke 9:23

Follow Me, I will make you...



JESUS SAID TO THEM,
“FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL
MAKE YOU BECOME
FISHERS OF MEN.”

MARK 1:17

- A Personal Call - “Follow Me”
- A Purposeful Call - “I will Make..”
- A Promised Call - “I will..”

A silhouette of a person wearing a hooded jacket and walking away from the viewer across a dark, rocky, and desolate landscape. The person is centered in the frame, walking towards a distant horizon. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, with a faint light source visible on the right side, creating a dramatic and somber atmosphere. The overall tone is dark and contemplative.

THE COST OF
Discipleship

Luke 9:23

Cost of discipleship - Luke 9:23

- *Rejection of Self*

- What self Denial is all about?

- “let him deny himself”

“SELF”

- *Reception of the Cross*

- Identification.
- Submission.
- Laying on the altar.

- “take up his own Cross and follow”

(Embracing the Cross Vs. Enemies of the Cross)

(yet not my will but thy will)

(as a living Sacrifice)

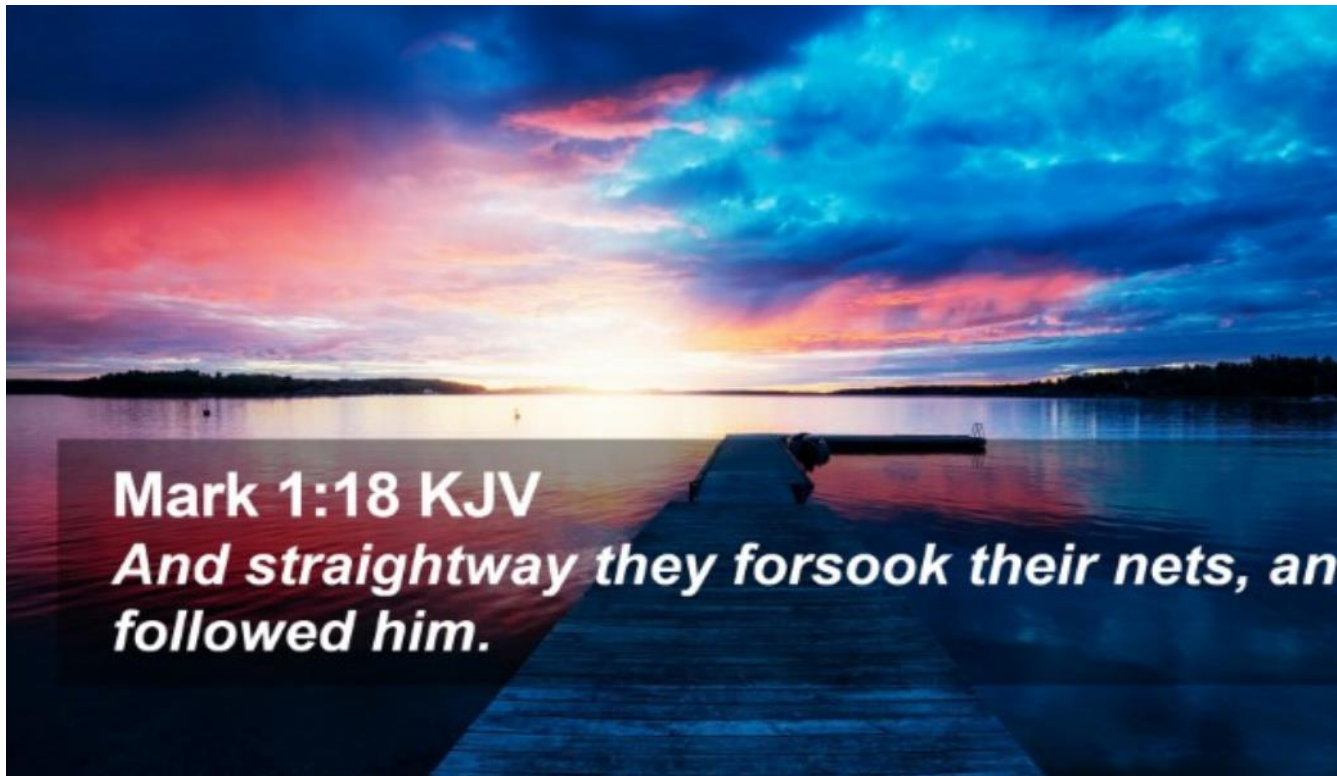
- *Repeat the same*

- Day after day
- Step by step
- Daily dying is the secret of daily living.
- Fans Vs. Followers

- “daily”



Forsake to Follow...



- You can't follow unless you forsake.
- You can't serve two Masters.
- What is that one thing, that you could not forsake till now?
- Rich Young Ruler...
- If you can't forsake, you need to forsake the Lord.

Test of a

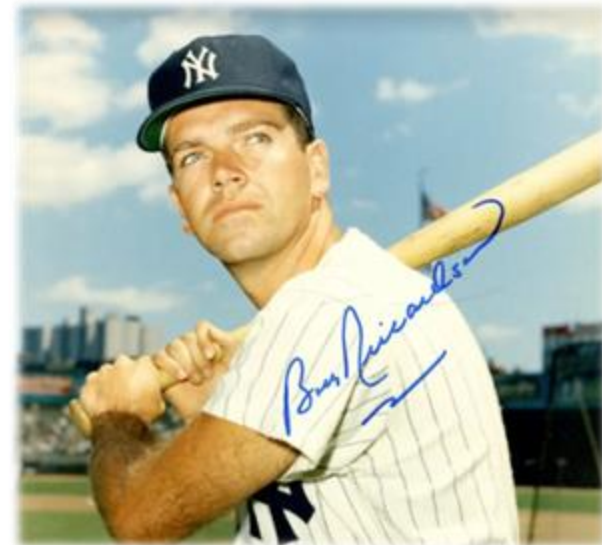


DISCIPLE

Luke 14:26-33

Three Tests of Discipleship

- **Love Test** -**Relationship** Luke.14:26
 - “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.**” hatred - (lesser love compared to all Mt. 10:37)
- **Lordship Test** -**Lordship** Luke. 14:27
 - “whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me **cannot be my disciple.**”
 - “if He is not the Lord of all, He is not the Lord at all.”
- **Loyalty Test** -**Stewardship** Luke. 14:33
 - “so therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has **cannot be my disciple.**”
 - Rich young Ruler.
- “Dear Lord, Your will, nothing more, nothing less, and nothing else. Amen” – Bobby Richardson

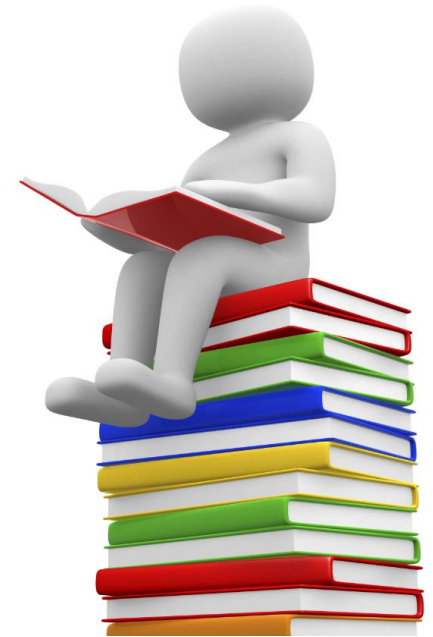


The Essentials of DISCIPLESHIP

- John 8:31 -one who **Learns** from the Lord
- John 13:35 -one who **Loves** the Lord above all
- John 15:8 -one who **Lives** a Life to reproduces

A Disciple is a good learner

- **A Learner who is Receptive** - John 8:31
- Take my yoke upon you, **Learn of Me**; - Mt. 11:29
- “If You abide in my word, then you are **my disciples indeed**.”
 - Teacher - Jesus Christ (my disciples)
 - Textbook - The Bible (my word)
 - Test - Obedience (abide/continue)
- Hearers Vs. Doers of the Word
- *A young woman –book - boring and dull – husband – fascinating.*
- Dusty Bibles – Dirty lives.
- One woman, read the Bible for more than 100 times...



A Disciple Loves His Master above all

- **A Lover who is Reflective** - John 13:35
- “by this all people will know that **you are my disciples**, if you have love for one another.”
- Love is Demanded - a new commandment 13:34
- Love is Divine - just as I have loved you 13:34
- Love is Displayed - love one another
- **1Cor. 13:4-8**: we see 7 negatives (do nots) and 7 positives about divine love. What a perfect balance!
- We are the **mirrors to reflect** the divine love in this loveless world.

Can I be your

first love?

- God

A Disciple makes another Disciple

- **A Life that is Reproductive** - John 15:8
- “By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so proved to **be my disciples.**”
- I am the True Vine - the source of life
- There is False vine also - Duet. 32:32-33
- Who your source of life is decides what fruit you bear.
- *Self Productive fruit* Gal.5:19-21
- *Spirit Produced Fruit* Gal. 5:22-23
- *Obedience is the Key to bear much fruit* - Alexzander and army.
- Goal of Discipleship - be a disciple and make disciples - the glory of God.



Enemies to Discipleship

Hindrances to Follow Jesus

Luke 9:57-62



Enemies to Discipleship

- 1. Mr. Impulsive - too Swift to follow Lk. 9:57-58
 - It's not just an impulsive/emotional decision.
- 2. Mr. Indifferent - too Slow to follow Lk. 9:59-60
 - let me go and ...first. (*lack of Priority*)
- 3. Mr. Indecisive - too Soft to follow Lk. 9:61-62
- Burn the bridges behind...
- I just can't make my mind...
- The dangerous "But s" in life.

GO AND MAKE
DISCIPLES

