



# No Turning Back: The Cost of Following Jesus

**LUKE 9:57-62**

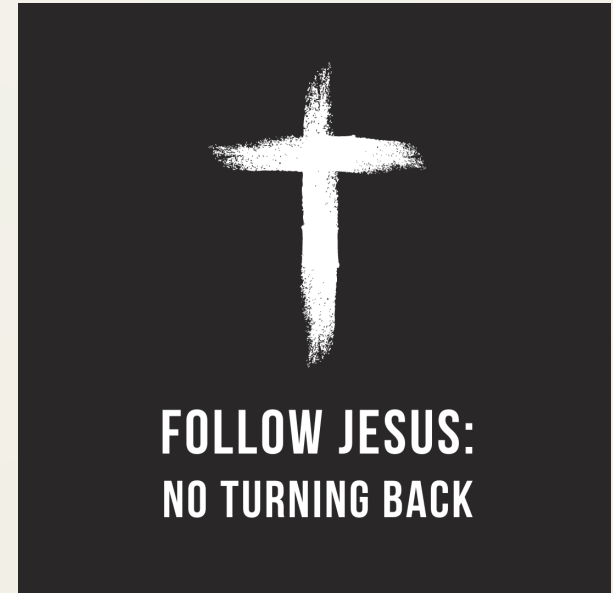


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**58 Jesus replied, “Foxes have den and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.**

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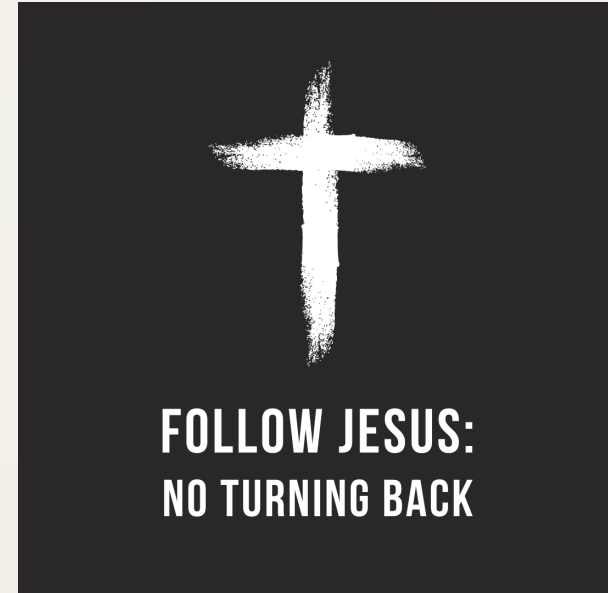


**60 Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.**

**61 Still another said, “I will follow you Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”**

**62 Jesus replied, no one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the service in the kingdom of God.”**

**Luke 9:57-62**



What does *following Christ* (discipleship) mean?

- ✓ **Following Jesus is not a one-time event. It is an event of a lifetime.**
- ✓ **He is not only your Saviour. He is your Lord. You have a personal understanding of who Jesus is.**



What does *following Christ* (discipleship) mean?

- 1. A way of life**
- 2. Biblical**
- 3. A “city on a hill philosophy”**
- 4. Core ministry**
- 5. A whole life approach**



# THE NATURE OF FOLLOWING CHRIST (DISCIPLESHIP)



## **1. Jesus Christ calls people to be His disciples.**

**Luke 9:59 (NKJV) - Then He said to another, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”**

**Luke 9:61 (NKJV) - And another also said, “Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house.”**



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## **2. Jesus Christ commanded people to make the commitment to follow him.**

**Matthew 4:19 (NKJV) - He then said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."**

**Matthew 4:21 (NKJV) - Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them.**

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## **3. Jesus' demand to follow Him was sometimes met with a refusal.**

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## **4. Sometimes people followed Christ without being truly committed to Him.**

**John 6:2 - Then a great multitude followed Him because they saw His signs which he performed on those who were diseased.**

**John 6:66 - From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.**

# THE NATURE OF FOLLOWING CHRIST (DISCIPLESHIP)



## **5. Some committed themselves wholeheartedly to his invitation.**

**Matthew 4:20, 22 – (Peter and brother Andrew) They immediately left their nets and followed Him.**

**Matthew 9:9 – As Jesus was passing on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “Follow Me.” So he arose and followed Him.**

# THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS (DISCIPLESHIP)



## **1. Involves careful consideration, calculate the cost (Luke 9:57-58)**

**Luke 9:57 - As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58) Jesus replied, "Foxes have den and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.**

**Luke 14:28-32 - For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it - lest, after he has laid the 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." Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks condition of peace.**

# THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS (DISCIPLESHIP)



## **2. Requires total surrender; total commitment to the will of God (Luke 14:33; Matthew 10:37-39)**

So, likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

## **3. Involves self-denial (Luke 14:27; Matthew 16:24 )**

And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

# THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS (DISCIPLESHIP)



## **4. The cost of following Jesus (discipleship) is constant (Luke 9:23)**

And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple  
Then He said to them all, “if anyone desire to come after Me, let him deny himself,  
take up his cross daily, and follow me.

## **5. The cost of following Jesus (discipleship) includes persecution (John 15:20)**

Remember the word that I said to you, “A servant is not greater  
than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute  
you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.



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*WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?*

# HINDRANCES TO FOLLOWING JESUS AT ALL COSTS

- 1. Doubt/unbelief (Mark 9:24)**
- 2. Excuses (Luke 9:59-62)**
- 3. Worries (Matthew 6:25-34; 1 Peter 5:7)**
- 4. We're not listening (Mark 14:36)**



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