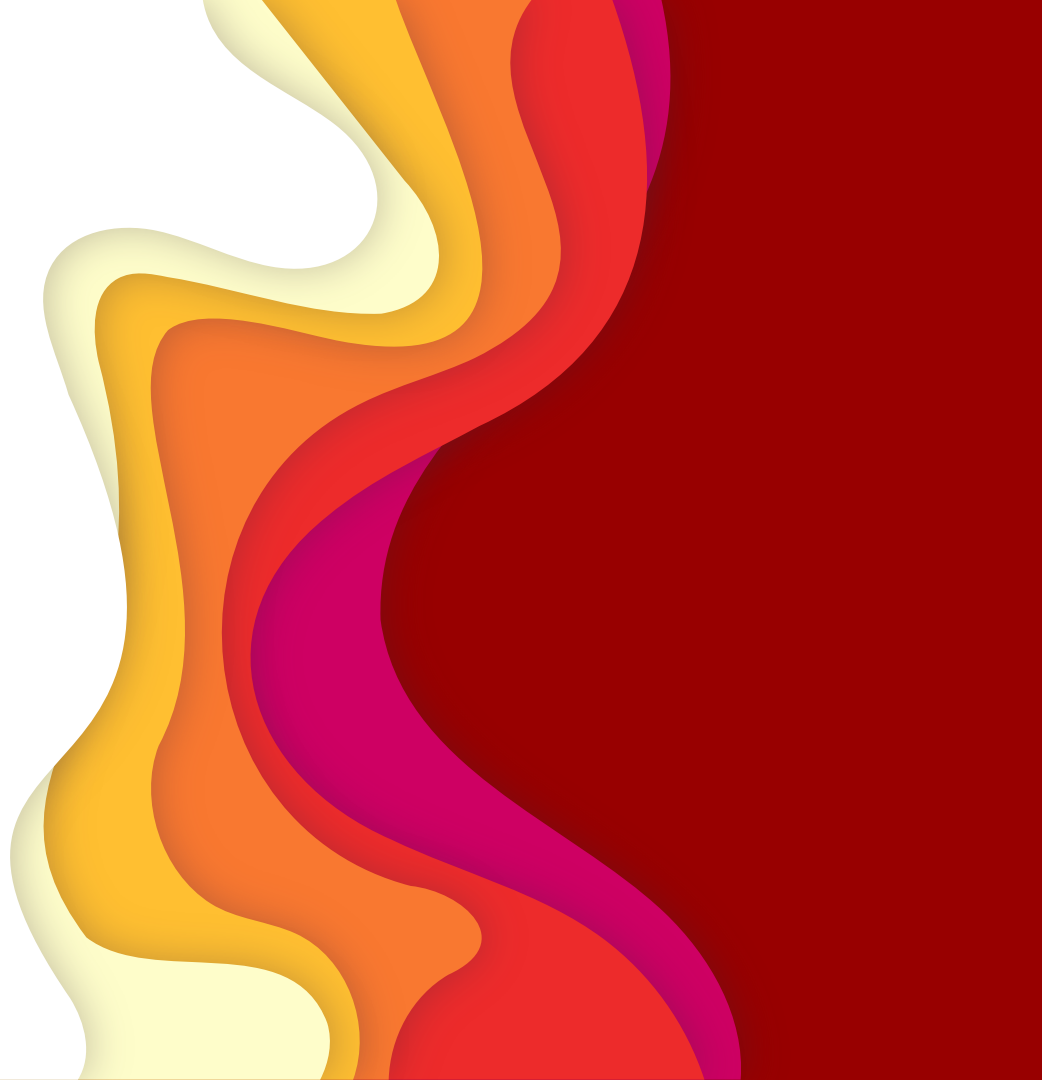


Follow Me

Matthew

16:24-28



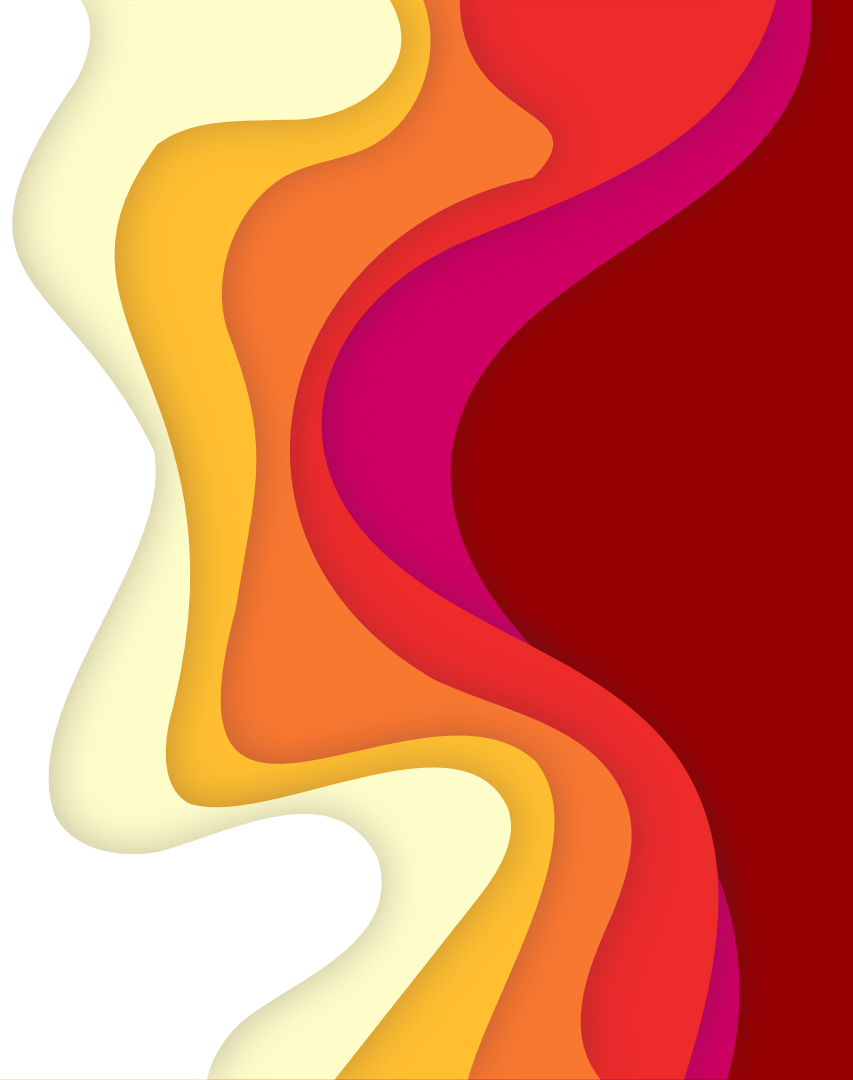
Matthew 16:24-26

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. **25** For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. **26** For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

Matthew 16:27-28

27 For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. **28** Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

**What are the
credentials of
someone you are
willing to follow?**



Following Jesus

1

We must deny ourselves.

Following Jesus

2

We must take up our cross (daily).

Matthew 10:38-39

And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

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

Following Jesus

3

We must be a willing follower.

Following Jesus

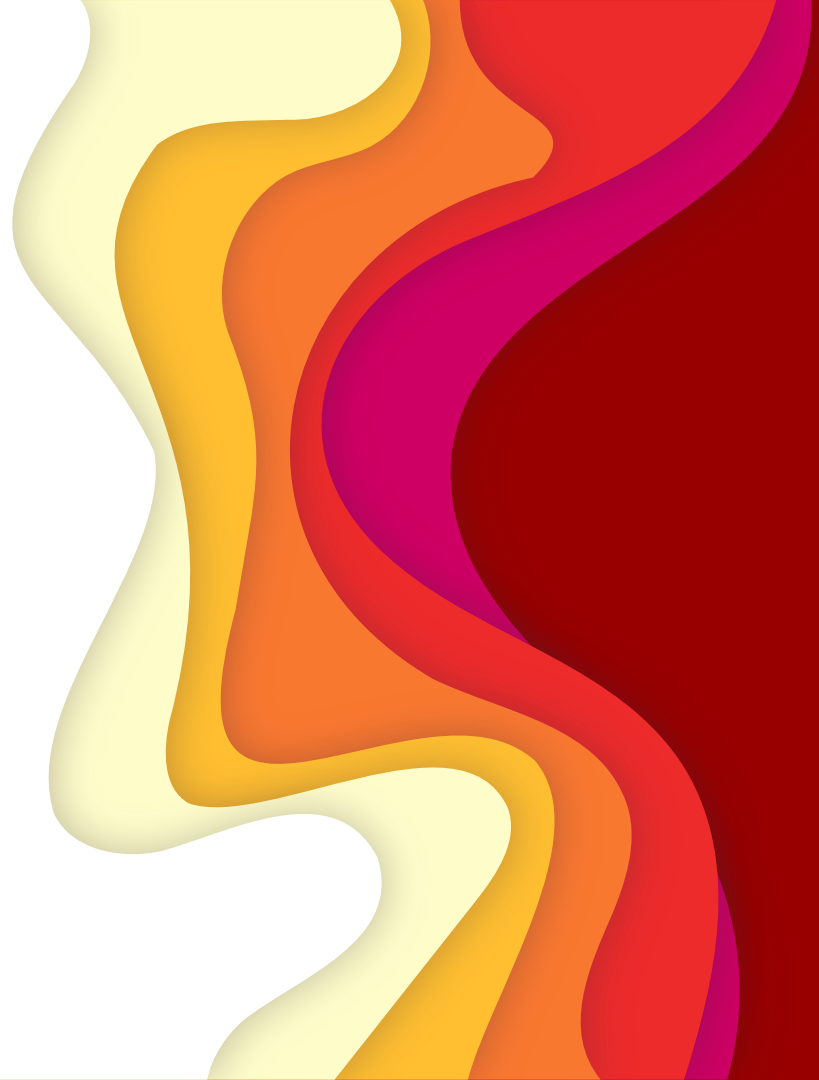
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We must decide on
the value of our souls.

Save our earthly, physical life with ease and comfort or be willing to suffer and die, if necessary, for Christ's sake.

Go for it now and lose your soul forever, or forsake now and gain your soul forever.

- John MacArthur



What will you exchange for your soul?

- Luke 12:13-21
 - Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.
(v.15)



Following Jesus

5

We will be repaid
according to our deeds.

“Our lives
belong to God,
and he has the
right to take
us any time
he chooses.”

John
Piper

Don't
Waste
Your
Life

According to Our Deeds

- John 5:28-29
 - Resurrection to life or judgment
- Romans 14:10,12
 - So each of us shall give an account of himself to God.
- James 2:14-26
 - Faith apart from works is dead.



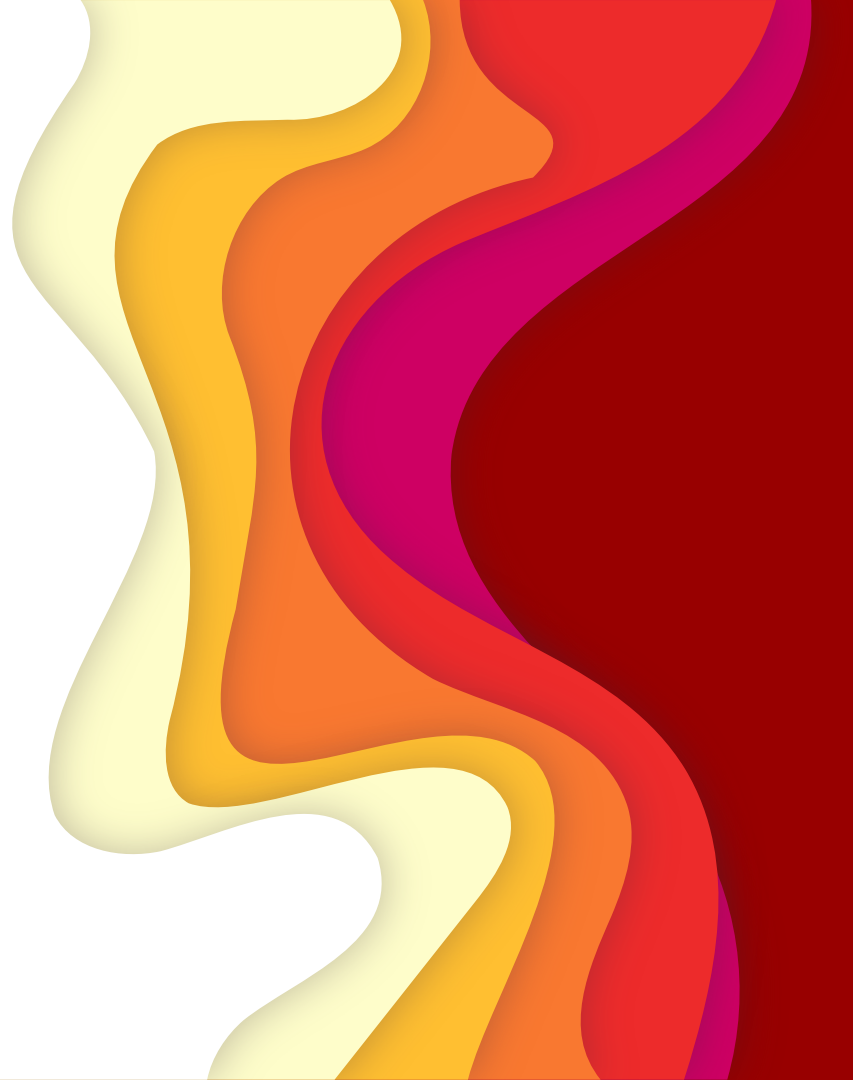
Following Jesus

6

We will have the return of Christ.

The Second Coming

- **Matthew 24:32-44**
 - **An hour or day you do not expect**
- **Mark 13:32-37**
 - **No one knows**
 - **Stay awake**



The Second Coming

parousia

(to come)

basileia

(royal power)

tachu

(quickly)

The

Transfiguration



The Christian life is hard.



**Today's earthly denial
leads to eternal joy.**

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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Matthew

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