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committing to unconditional obedience

CONTRACT

1. Follow me...

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God wants you to say yes to <u>Him</u>, not His plan.



¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.



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¹⁹ Jesus went on a little farther. He saw James and his brother John who were sons of Zebedee. They were in a boat mending their nets. ²⁰ **Jesus called them** and <u>they left their father Zebedee</u>. He was in the boat with men who were working for him.



²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must **give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me**.



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²⁶ What do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? **Is anything worth more than your soul?**



Don't lose the war for your <u>soul</u>. Say yes to Jesus today!



Our battle is to decide to say yes <u>now</u> to everything else that will follow.



John 8:12

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but <u>will have</u> the Light of life."



God is fully committed to you <u>if you are fully committed to Him.</u>



Luke 9:57-62 (Message version)

⁵⁷ On the road someone asked if he could go along. **"I'll go with you, <u>wherever</u>,"** he said. ⁵⁸ Jesus was curt: "Are you ready to rough it? We're not staying in the best inns, you know."



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Jesus said to another, "Follow me." ⁵⁹ He said, "Certainly, but first excuse me for a couple of days," please. I have to make arrangements for my father's funeral." 60 Jesus refused. "First things first. Your business is life, not death. And life is urgent: Announce God's kingdom!"



Luke 9:57-62 (Message version)

⁶¹ Then another said, "I'm ready to follow you, Master, but first excuse me while I get things straightened out at home." ⁶² Jesus said, "No procrastination. No backward looks. **You can't put God's kingdom off till tomorrow**. Seize the day."



It's <u>now</u> or never. It's <u>all</u> or nothing. ...so say yes!



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