



ALL-IN: 60 Days in the New Testament
Part 5 – The Challenge of Following Jesus
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Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. ²⁴ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. ²⁵ And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed? ²⁶ If anyone is ashamed of me and my message, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in his glory and in the glory of the Father and the holy angels.
- Luke 9:23-26

I HAVE DECIDED...

- ✓ **CROWD**: Come and **SEE**.
- ✓ **CONGREGATION**: Come and **JOIN US**.
- ✓ **COMMITTED**: Come and **GROW**.
- ✓ **CORE**: Come and **SERVE**.
- ✓ **COMMISSIONED**: Go **ALL-IN**.

THE CHALLENGE OF FOLLOWING JESUS

1) LIVING AN OTHERS-FOCUSED LIFE IN A ME-FOCUSED WORLD.

If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way... - Luke 9:23

And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. ³¹ The second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these. – Mark 12:30-31

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.
– 1 Corinthians 12:7

2) LIVING FOR CHRIST IN A POST-CHRISTIAN CULTURE.

If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily and follow me. - Luke 9:23

Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and harmless as doves. – Matthew 10:16

Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant.
– Galatians 1:10

3) LIVING WITH ETERNAL PURPOSE INSTEAD OF SHORT-TERM PLANS.

If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. ²⁵ And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?
– Luke 9:24-25

As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world's interest in me has also died. - Galatians 6:14