



May 3rd 2026 "Dangerous Devotion"

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—SERVE THE WORLD

*The red-letter Jesus doesn't call us to casual belief but to costly discipleship—picking up a cross, not just a church habit.*

✦ When you read through the Gospels, you soon realize that Jesus was not really interested in fans but in **followers**.

**John 6:26**

**Dangerous Devotion:** A devotion so dangerous that one must leave *all* to follow Jesus. So dangerous that it would threaten our personal comfort, reputation, and even worldly safety.

✦ "There should be a clear distinction between Cultural Christianity and Authentic Christianity.

**Matthew 5:21-30**

*Following Jesus is a matter of the heart—it is not just about avoiding harmful actions but also about addressing the hostile attitudes that give rise to them.*

✦ A "red letter rebel" heart is prepped to say **yes to Jesus** even when it means saying **no to self**.

✦ Knowledge that doesn't change us, becomes a **toxin** that fuels **hypocritical attitudes**.

**Luke 9:23-26**

✦ What Jesus presents in Luke 9:23-36 requires three interconnected commitments:

1. **Renouncing** self-interest.
2. **Bearing** one's cross daily.
3. **Maintaining** allegiance to Him.

**Galatians 2:20, Matthew 10:38, 1 Peter 2:24**

*The paradox in verses 24 and 25 cuts to the heart of Jesus's message, which is the central tension between living according to worldly values and living authentically with God.*

✦ Following Jesus produces both **immediate** and **eternal** consequences.

**Galatians 6:7-8**

**Challenge:** "Where am I asking Jesus to follow me instead of me following Him?" "In what ways am I still a fan instead of a follower?"

*\*all verses were taken from the NLT unless otherwise noted.*