



June 7th, 2026 "Cause and Effect"

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—SERVE THE WORLD

Luke 9:23–26

In all our life's pursuits of love, career, family, and ministry, Jesus has something to say about it, and when you read those words in red, you can't walk away from them without being changed.

✦ **Cause and effect** is the foundational principle that actions have consequences and is used to explain why things happen and what happens as a result.

✦ Four "Cause and Effect" lessons from the words of Jesus:

1. Remember His Counter-Cultural Love.

Matthew 5:43-46

✦ Jesus fundamentally redefined love by directing it toward those others had deemed unworthy.

Communion is a call to remember His body broken for you and for me. To remember His blood that was poured out for us. To remember that this is how God's kingdom comes—not by force, but by sacrificial love.

Luke 22:19-20

2. Repent of Worldly Compromise.

✦ Communion is not just tradition nor is it simply a religious snack; *it's a place of remembrance and repentance.*

We are foreigners in this world rebelling against what the world is constantly offering us.

1 Peter 2:11, 1 John 2:16

3. Recommit to a Cross-Shaped Life.

*The Beatitudes, the Sermon on the Mount, the teachings of Jesus—none of them are meant to be admired from a distance. They are a call for a completely **new way of life.***

✦ The cross of Jesus Christ is not only what saves us; it's the pattern for how we live.

Challenge: "Have I let my heart grow dull to the cross, and have I treated His sacrifice as ordinary?"