



LOVE & SUBSCRIBE PART 2: CANCEL WHAT'S CONTROLLING YOU

We all know what it is like to subscribe to something without fully using it. We pay for memberships, apps, plans, and services that quietly stay connected to our lives even when we barely engage with them. But this message pushes that idea deeper. Sometimes the most expensive subscriptions are not the ones on our bank accounts; they are the ones on our hearts.

Comfort, control, approval, success, money, fear, and security can quietly shape the way we think, live, give, serve, and follow Jesus. In Matthew 19, Jesus meets a young man who had done a lot right, but still had one thing holding first place in his heart. Jesus did not expose it to shame him. He exposed it to free him. The same invitation is offered to us: “Come, follow Me.”

BIG IDEA: Some subscriptions are costing us more than money.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is a subscription, membership, or service you have paid for but barely used? Why do you think it is so easy to stay connected to something without really engaging with it?
2. The message said, “We can subscribe to church without fully engaging the mission.” Where do you think people are most tempted to confuse attendance with participation? How can that happen in our own spiritual lives?
3. Read **Romans 12:2**. Paul tells us not to copy the behavior and customs of this world, but to let God transform us by changing the way we think. What are some ways culture trains us to think about comfort, money, success, security, or identity?
4. Pastor Jimmy asked, “What has shaped your heart so deeply that surrender feels impossible?” Which of these is easiest for you to recognize in your own life: comfort, control, approval, success, money, comparison, or fear? Why?
5. Read **Matthew 19:16–22**. The rich young ruler came to Jesus with a spiritual question, but Jesus revealed what really had his heart. What stands out to you most about this interaction? Why do you think the young man walked away sad?
6. Pastor Jimmy said, “Jesus does not expose us to shame us. Jesus exposes us to free us.” How does that change the way you think about conviction, surrender, or giving something up?
7. Generosity was described as one way we tell money, comfort, and fear that they are not in charge. How has generosity shaped your trust in God? Where might God be inviting you to take a next step?
8. What is one “subscription of the heart” you sense God may be asking you to cancel? What would obedience look like this week?

MOVING FORWARD

This week, take time to honestly ask God two questions: “**What has been shaping me more than You?**” and “**What step of surrender are You asking me to take?**” Your step may be financial generosity, serving, joining a group, forgiving someone, releasing control, or choosing obedience over comfort.

The goal is not guilt. The goal is freedom. Jesus is not trying to take something from you; He is inviting you to release whatever is keeping you from following Him fully.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

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