



**“In the West it has been easy to forget that the call to discipleship is a call to confess our allegiance to Jesus in the face of a hostile world; to serve him in his mission, whatever the cost.” – Tony Payne**

**“The discipleship principle is clear: the poorer our vision of Christ, the poorer our discipleship will be, whereas the richer our vision of Christ, the richer our discipleship will be.” – John Stott**

**“In all our sorrows, we have his sympathy. Temptation, pain, disappointment, weakness, weariness, poverty. He knows them all, for he has felt all. Remember this, Christian, and let it comfort you. However difficult and painful your road, it is marked by the footsteps of your Saviour. And even when you reach the dark valley of the shadow of death and the deep waters of the swelling Jordan, you will find his footprints are already there. Wherever we go, in every place, he has been our forerunner. Each burden we have to carry has once been laid on the shoulders of Emmanuel. His way was much rougher and darker than mine.”**

**– C.H. Spurgeon**

**“Whatever the trial, God will infuse life. This is who he is. He raised Christ from the dead. He will raise those who come to the bottom of**

**their resources and band everything on him, whether a circumstantial 'death' or final physical death...He has uprooted Paul's hopes from anything in this unstable world and replanted his hopes squarely and entirely on the dead-raising God." – Dane Ortlund**

**"The new mercy or comfort was Paul's deeper awareness of God as real beyond the grave and his deeper trust in God's care through it all." – John Piper**