



THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW



Take Up Your Cross

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1. Bracing yourself for conflict (10:34–36)

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Micah 7:6

...for the son treats the father with contempt,
the daughter rises up against her mother,
the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
a man's enemies are the men of his own house.



Mark 3:21

And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”



Matthew 12:46–50

⁴⁶ While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. ⁴⁸ But he replied to the man who told him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” ⁴⁹ And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”



2. Losing yourself in Christ (10:37–39)

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Revelation 2:4

“But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.”



Jesus minced no words when he described the costs of discipleship. The modern church should clearly explain these costs to prospective disciples today. The church must resist all efforts to water down Jesus's demands. No one should be misled to think that embracing the gospel necessarily leads to an easier life, for it may in fact lead to a harder death. Until one is ready to die for Jesus, he is not ready to truly live for him.

— Chuck Quarles



Romans 1:24, 26, 28

²⁴ Therefore **God gave them up** in the lusts of their hearts to impurity... ²⁶ For this reason **God gave them up** to dishonorable passions... ²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, **God gave them up** to a debased mind...



1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.



Romans 6:2

How can we who died to sin still live in it?



Colossians 3:3

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.



Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.



He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep
to gain that which he cannot lose.

— Jim Elliot



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