

Matthew 16:24 (NLT) — "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.'"

Matthew 16:24 (NKJV) — "Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."



## DENY YOURSELF

Psalm 139:23–24 (NLT) — "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life."

Jeremiah 17:9–10 (NLT) — "The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? 10 But I, the LORD, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve."

John 16:13 (NLT) — "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future."

# The Spirit Will Lead You Into All Truth



## TAKE UP OUR CROSS

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### 1. We Can Expect PAIN

John 16:33 (NLT) — "I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

The suffering is temporary.



**Luke 14:28 (NLT)** — "But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it?:"

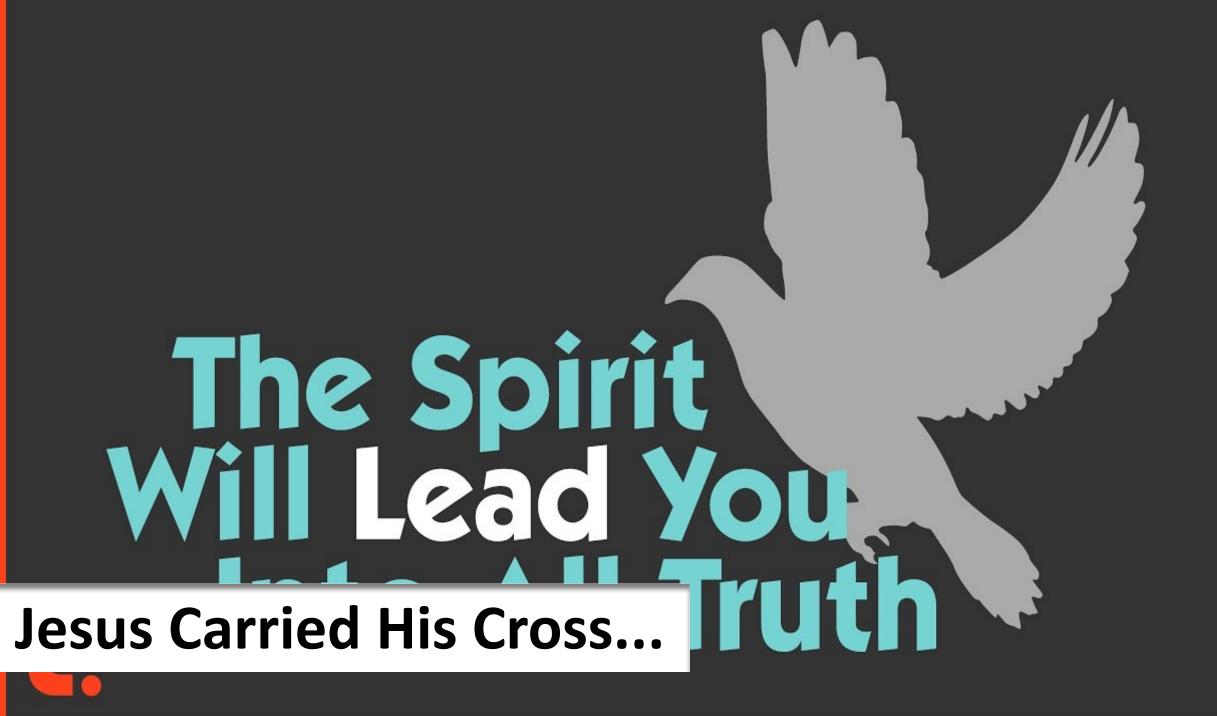
COUNT THE COST



### 2. We Can Expect <u>LONELINESS</u>



John 19:17 (NLT) — "Carrying the cross by himself, he went to the place called Place of the Skull (in Hebrew, Golgotha)."









"I have come to set the world on fire, and I wish it were already burning! 50 I have a terrible baptism of suffering ahead of me, and I am under a heavy burden until it is accomplished. 51 Do you think I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I have come to divide people against each other! 52 From now on families will be split apart, three in favor of me, and two against—or two in favor and three against. 53 'Father

Luke 12:49-53 (NLT)

will be divided against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

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We have to be **OK** with fact that people will walk away from us because of our faith in Jesus.





### 1. We Can Expect PAIN



### 2. We Can Expect LONELINESS



### 3. We Can Expect PARTNERSHIP

# IS JESUS OUR BROTHER?



Romans 8:17 (NLT) — "And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering."



 Looking at what HE has done and doing it



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- Following and learning from Him



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- Giving up OUR way of life and embracing HIS



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- Being a disciple
- Giving up OUR way of life and embracing HIS
- Taking up our cross as we follow Him

