

# "THAT'S EMBARRASSING"

**Matthew 10:32-39** – “Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven. Don’t imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword. ‘I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. Your enemies will be right in your own household!’ If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine. If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine. If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.”

## 1. **Faith in Jesus must be personal, but it cannot be private.**

- “Our faith becomes stronger as we express it; a growing faith is a sharing faith.” – Billy Graham
- **Romans 1:16** – For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.

## 2. **The message and authority of Jesus will divide people.**

- “The world says Christianity is intolerant, exclusive, and has too many rules. No, Christians just believe Jesus gets to make the rules on all things.” – JD Greear

## 3. **Jesus desires our complete loyalty and to be our first priority.**

- “The true happiness of the saint is found in purposefully making and keeping God first.” – Oswald Chambers

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## 4. **Following Jesus has a cost.**

- "You find that the things you let go of while following Jesus were the things that were going to destroy you in the end."  
– Francis Chan
- "Most people want Jesus as their consultant rather than as their King. He does not come that way." – Tim Keller

## Coming Soon:

1. **Behold & Become Women's Conference**: Join hundreds of women for the 2024 city-wide women's conference March 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. For more details and to sign up, visit [mhbchurch.com/behold-and-become](https://mhbchurch.com/behold-and-become).
2. **Good Friday at Dan River Church**: Join us for a special service as we remember and reflect on the events of Good Friday: March 29<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm.
3. **Easter Sunday at Dan River Church**: We are just four weeks away from Easter. Make plans now to join us on March 31<sup>st</sup> at one of our three celebrations: 8am, 9:30am, and 11am.
4. **Easter Choir** – It's not too late for you to be part of our choir this Easter. Please email [Daniel.elias@danriverchurch.org](mailto:Daniel.elias@danriverchurch.org) or fill out the form at <https://danriver.churchcenter.com/people/forms/698719>. Rehearsals begin soon on Thursdays from 6-6:45pm.