

# STICKER SHOCK

## Next-level relationships always come with a cost.

**Luke 9:57–62** – As they were walking along, someone said to Jesus, “I will follow you wherever you go.” But Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head.” He said to another person, “Come, follow me.” The man agreed, but he said, “Lord, first let me return home and bury my father.” But Jesus told him, “Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead! Your duty is to go and preach about the Kingdom of God.” Another said, “Yes, Lord, I will follow you, but first let me say good-bye to my family.” But Jesus told him, “Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God.”

## Three questions for every next-level relationship:

### 1. Will I quit, or will I persevere?

- **Proverbs 17:17** (NIV) – A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.
- **Proverbs 18:24** (NIV) – One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.
- **Ephesians 4:3** – Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

### 2. Will I stay silent, or will I have honest conversations?

- **Proverbs 27:5–6** – An open rebuke is better than hidden love! Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy.
- **Proverbs 28:23** – In the end, people appreciate honest criticism far more than flattery.
- **Luke 6:36** – You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.

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## 3. Will I consume, or will I sacrifice?

- **1 John 4:9–10** – God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.
- **Philippians 2:3–4** – Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

### Coming soon:

1. **More Than a Story:** Join us next Sunday, March 1, as we begin a new sermon series on the parables of Jesus. More than just stories, Jesus taught life-changing lessons through parables. Invite your friends.
2. **Change Our World:** Our mission at DRC is to change our world by developing Christ-followers who love God and love people. Over the next three weeks, we will have great opportunities to do just that!
  - **March 1:** Our mission partner from Montreal, Dwight Bernier, will be with us. We will also have a special guest, Zach West, leading us in worship.
  - **March 6–8:** Let's pray for a move of God among our students during DNOW.
  - **March 15:** On Global Impact Sunday, special guest, Todd Hartley, from The Timothy Initiative will be with us to share how we can plant churches and make a difference around the world.