

# Plastic Christianity Series

## 5-Day Devotional

### Week 4

#### Day 1: More Than Just Saying “Lord”

**Scripture:** Matthew 7:21-23

Jesus makes it clear that words alone aren't enough. You can say the right things, show up, and even do spiritual activities, and still miss Him. That's what makes this so serious. Partial devotion can look convincing on the outside, but it doesn't lead to real relationship. Jesus is not after appearances, He's after surrender. Real faith is not about proximity to Him, it's about submission to Him.

- What stands out to you most in this passage?
- Where might you be relying on words instead of surrender?
- What would it look like for your faith to move beyond appearances?

**Prayer:** Jesus, I don't want to just say the right things. Help me truly follow You. Amen.

#### Day 2: Deny Yourself

**Scripture:** Matthew 16:24-26

Following Jesus starts with denying yourself. That goes against everything we naturally want. We are wired to put ourselves first, protect our comfort, and chase what feels good. But Jesus flips that. To follow Him means letting go of control and choosing His way over ours. This is not a one-time decision, it's daily. Every day we choose who is going to sit on the throne of our lives. Either we stay in control, or we surrender it to Him.

- What does “deny yourself” mean in your current season?
- Where are you most tempted to stay in control?
- What is one step you can take to surrender that area to God?

**Prayer:** God, help me let go of control and trust You fully. Amen.

#### Day 3: When Following Gets Hard

**Scripture:** John 6:66-69

There was a moment when many people stopped following Jesus because it became too difficult. It wasn't convenient anymore. But Peter stayed. Not because it was easy, but because he knew there was nowhere else to go. This is the difference between real faith and convenient faith. Real faith stays even when it's hard. It stays when it doesn't make sense. It stays because it knows Jesus is the only source of life.

- What stands out to you about the people who walked away?
- Why is it easy to follow Jesus when things are going well?
- What would it look like for you to stay faithful in a difficult season?

**Prayer:** Jesus, help me stay with You even when it's hard. Amen.

## **Day 4: What Really Matters**

**Scripture:** Matthew 6:19-21

Jesus shifts the focus to what we value. What we invest in reveals what we truly care about. It's easy to say we value God, but our time, energy, and resources tell the real story. Temporary things can take up so much space in our lives that we lose sight of what actually matters. Jesus calls us to live with eternity in mind. When eternity matters, it changes what matters in our everyday lives.

- What do your priorities reveal about what you value most?
- Where are you investing more in temporary things than eternal ones?
- What is one change you can make this week to reflect eternal priorities?

**Prayer:** God, help me value what truly matters and live with eternity in mind. Amen.

## **Day 5: All In**

**Scripture:** Luke 9:23; Matthew 16:26-28

Jesus never called people to partial devotion. He calls us to be all in. That means daily surrender, choosing Him over ourselves, and trusting that what He offers is better than anything we give up. The truth is, following Jesus will cost something. But what we gain is far greater. When we live with eternity in view, we begin to see that nothing we surrender compares to what we receive in Him.

- What does being "all in" with Jesus look like for you right now?
- What are you holding onto that makes full surrender difficult?
- What is one step you can take this week to fully commit to following Him?

**Prayer:** Jesus, I want to be all in. Help me surrender fully and trust You with everything. Amen.