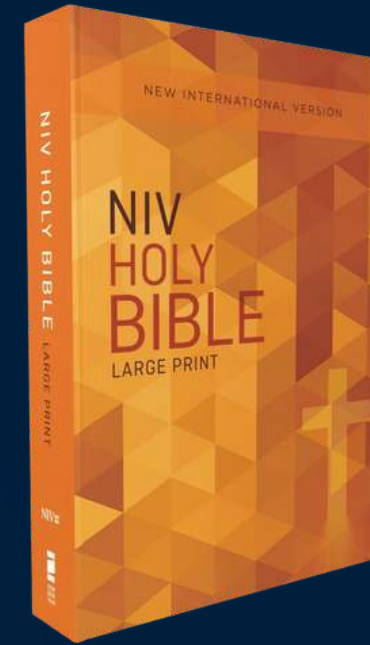


**IF YOU ARE GOING TO
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**THE GOSPEL OF
LUKE**



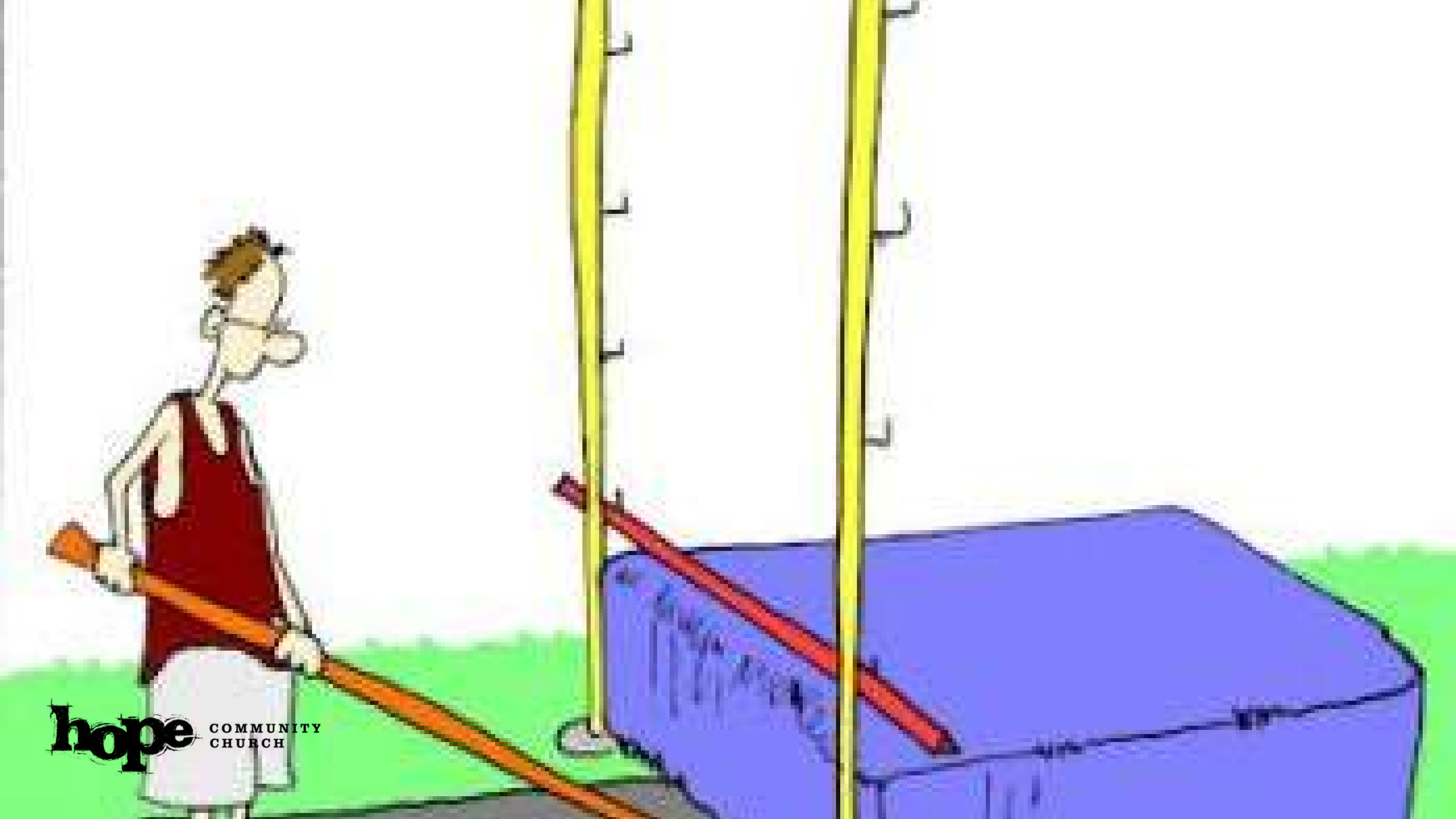
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LUKE 14:25-34

What does devotion to the Lord look like?

What does Christ expect of us?

What is the bar that Jesus is expecting to put before us as the expectation of a follower?





“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.”

MATTHEW 10:37



So “hate” here means
“love substantially less”



**If you are going
to follow Jesus,
He must be your
number one
relationship!**



“If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters - yes, even their own life - such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”

LUKE 14:26-27

**If you are going to
follow Jesus, you must
die to your SELF!**

Memory Verse

GALATIANS 2:20



Memory Verse

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

GALATIANS 2:20



BAPTISM

Sunday

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“What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?”

ROMANS 6:1-3

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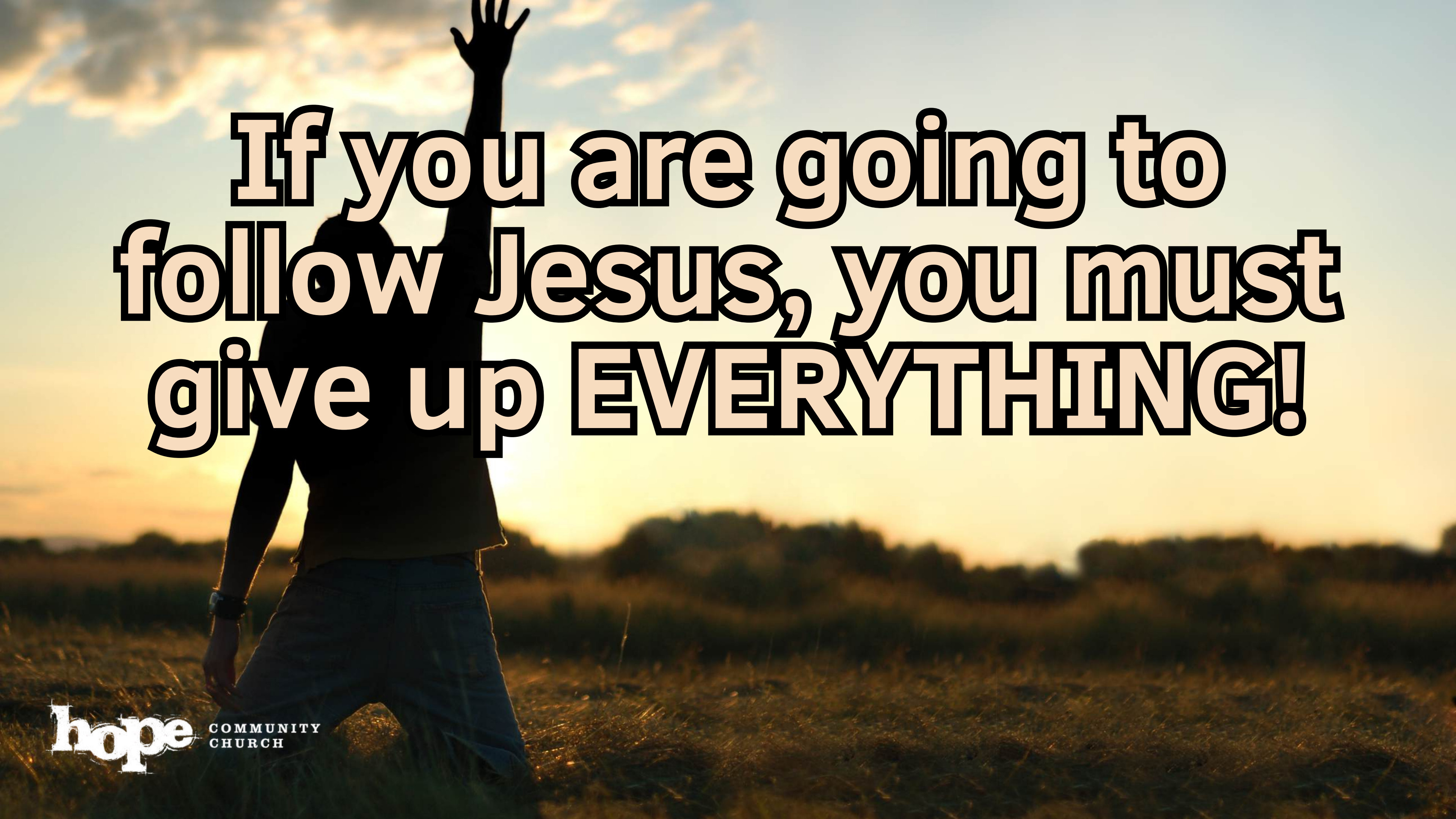
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“In the same way,
those of you who do
not give up everything
you have cannot be my
disciples.”

LUKE 14:33



A person is shown from behind, standing in a field of tall grass. They are wearing a dark t-shirt and light-colored pants. Their right arm is raised high towards the sky. The background is a bright sunset or sunrise with a golden glow and scattered clouds. The overall mood is one of hope and devotion.

**If you are going to
follow Jesus, you must
give up EVERYTHING!**



THE CLOSE IMITATION OF OUR LORD'S CONDUCT IN THIS PASSAGE WOULD PROBABLY GREATLY LESSEN THE NUMBER OF OUR COMMUNICANTS. BUT IT MAY BE DOUBTED WHETHER WE SHOULD NOT GAIN IN QUALITY WHAT WE LOST IN QUANTITY, AND WHETHER WE SHOULD NOT BE FREED FROM MANY OF THOSE DISGRACEFUL BACKSLIDINGS, AND GROSS INCONSISTENCIES, WHICH SO OFTEN NOW-A-DAYS BRING DISCREDIT ON RELIGION. IT MAY BE LAID DOWN AS A GENERAL RULE THAT COMMUNICANTS CHEAPLY ADMITTED ARE WORTH LITTLE, AND THAT TO CALL PEOPLE CHRISTIANS UPON LOWER TERMS THAN THOSE WHICH OUR LORD SETS FORTH, IN THE LONG RUN DOES MORE HARM THAN GOOD.

Application Questions

Is Jesus worth it?

Is following Him the way He lays out in
this passage worth it?

Did you consider the cost before you
started following?

Application Questions

Has there been a day you have died,
utterly died, to <insert name here>?

Have you died to your wants, desires,
dreams?

Have you died to the opinion of others?

Application Questions

Have you lost your saltiness?

Have you lost your devotion?

Application Questions

Does your checking account show you have been crucified with Christ?

Does your spare time show you have been crucified with Christ?

Does your screen time show you live for Christ and His glory?

HOMEGROUP QUESTIONS

Re-Read Luke 14:25-34

- 1) Summarize what you think Jesus was saying to these large crowds. What does the Lord require of us? How would you rate yourself on devotion to the Lord in this season of your life on a scale of 1-10? What would make this number increase?**
- 2) Discuss this quote from Kent Hughes.**

When money or the things it can buy makes us hesitant about doing what we feel the Lord is calling us to do, we are the disciples of things, not of Christ. Would-be disciples need to think about it, then say, “Lord, all I have is yours.” One test of discipleship is what we are doing with our money. Regardless of our income, if we are not giving regularly and generously, we are not living as Christ’s disciples. We cannot follow the Lord if he does not have our hearts, and as Jesus said, your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21). Does he have your treasure? Then he has your heart. Does such a life of sacrifice sound monochromatic and bland? Far from it! Such a life brims with gusto and zest.

- 3) Near the end of our section, Jesus tells two parables about a man building a tower and another considering going to war. What do these show us about one who is considering following Jesus?**
- 4) Why does Jesus talk about salt at the very end of the passage? What does this mean? How does one “lose their saltiness”?**
- 5) What does it look like for you to take up your cross daily?**