



Sunday 3/24/2024 – Follow Me | Sacrifice and Suffer

1 Peter 4:12-13; 2 Timothy 3:12; Luke 14:26-31; Luke 9:23-25

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test? 2 Corinthians 13:5 NIV

Followers Believe

Followers Love

Followers Obey

Followers Pray and Listen

Followers Share and Serve

Followers Sacrifice and Suffer

“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:10 NIV

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.” Matthew 5:10:11 NIV

“Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” Matthew 5:13 NIV

Followers count the cost.

“For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and **count the cost**, whether he has enough to complete it?” Luke 14:28 NIV

Followers carry their cross.

“And anyone who does not **carry his cross** and follow me cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:27 NIV



Followers consider Jesus.

Consider *Jesus* who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.
Hebrew 12:3 NIV

Experience Today's Message

Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing your closest friends?
Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means alienation from your family?
Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing your reputation?
Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing your job?
Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing your life?

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." ~Jim Elliot