



### JESUS' PROMISE

<sup>17</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

Mark 1:17 (NKJV)

### SOME MOTIVES FOR FOLLOWING JESUS

1. To make it to heaven (escape hell).
2. To have a better life or enhanced lifestyle.
3. To be blessed, rich and successful.
4. To feel significant.

### THE COST TO FOLLOW HIM

<sup>34</sup> When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

Mark 8:34-35 (NKJV)

### THE COST TO FOLLOW HIM

<sup>36</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? <sup>38</sup> For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

Mark 8:34-35 (NKJV)

### 1. THE CONVENIENCE COST

<sup>57</sup> Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go." <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

Luke 9:57-62 (NKJV)

### 1. THE CONVENIENCE COST

<sup>59</sup> Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God."

Luke 9:57-62 (NKJV)

### 1. THE CONVENIENCE COST

<sup>61</sup> And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house."

<sup>62</sup> But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

Luke 9:57-62 (NKJV)

### 2. THE RELATIONAL COST

<sup>25</sup> Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them,

<sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

Luke 14:25-27,33 (NKJV)

### 2. THE RELATIONAL COST

<sup>27</sup> And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

<sup>33</sup> So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

Luke 14:25-27,33 (NKJV)

### 3. THE FINANCIAL COST

<sup>21</sup> Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."

<sup>22</sup> But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Mark 10:21-22 (NKJV)

### WHY DO YOU FOLLOW JESUS?

<sup>67</sup> Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" <sup>68</sup> But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

John 6:67-69 (NKJV)