



I refuse  
to give up!

## **Matthew 10:34-39 (ESV)**

Not Peace, but a Sword  
34 “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother,





## **Matthew 10:34-39 (ESV)**

and a daughter-in-law  
against her mother-in-law.  
36 And a person's enemies  
will be those of his own  
household. 37 Whoever  
loves father or mother  
more than me is not  
worthy of me,



## **Matthew 10:34-39 (ESV)**

and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.





## **Luke 9:23(ESV)**

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus 23 And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me





## **Mark 8:34 (ESV)**

34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

## **Philippians 10:20-22 (ESV)**

20 It is my own eager expectation and hope, that [looking toward the future] I will not disgrace myself nor be ashamed in anything, but that with courage and the utmost freedom of speech,



## **Philippians 10:20-22 (ESV)**

even now as always, Christ will be magnified and exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

21 For to me, to live is Christ [He is my source of joy, my reason to live] and to die is gain [for I will be with Him in eternity].





## **Philippians 3:8-12 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup> Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ



## **Philippians 3:8-12 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ.<sup>[a]</sup> For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith.



## **Philippians 3:8-12 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, <sup>11</sup> so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!





## **Philippians 3:8-12 (ESV)**

Pressing toward the Goal

<sup>12</sup> I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.





# Discipleship

1. Matthew 4:19 E (ESV)  
19 And he said to them,  
“Follow me, and I will  
make you fishers of  
men.”



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2. Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)  
18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,





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baptizing them in[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



## **Eight distractions from producing disciples of Jesus**

1. Diversion from Primary Calling
2. Discipling Through Programs
3. Reducing the Christian Life
4. A Two-Tiered Understanding of Discipleship
5. Unwillingness to Call People to Discipleship



## **Eight distractions from producing disciples of Jesus**

6. An Inadequate View of the Church
7. No Clear Pathway to Maturity
8. Lack of Personal Disciplining