



# **FOLLOW** **me**

**the call to authentic discipleship**

Today:

# Commitment










# 1. He calls for an unrivalled love

*“Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: “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”*

**Luke 14:25-26**



"Love the Lord your  
God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and  
with all your strength and  
with all your mind."

Luke 10:27





## 2. He calls for an undeviating path

*“And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple” v.27*

*“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.*

*What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels”*

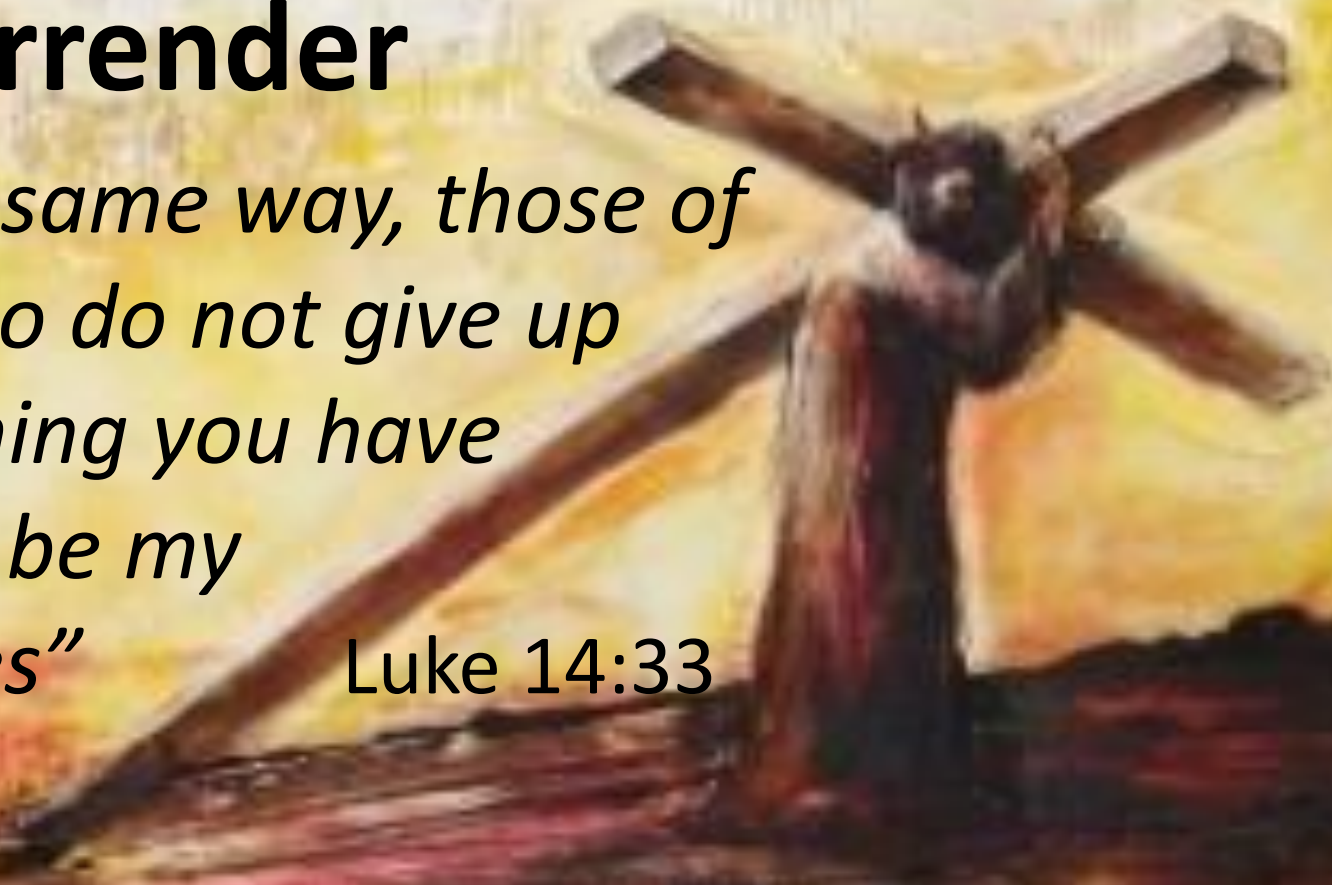
*Luke 9:23-27*



### **3. He calls for an unreserved surrender**

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

Luke 14:33



*“There are many Christians in American who give their ultimate allegiance to man-made systems and customs. They are afraid to be different. Their great concern is to be accepted socially. They live by the principle ‘Everyone is doing it so it must be right’. For so many of you, morality is merely group consensus. And in your modern sociological lingo the mores are accepted as the right ways. You’ve unconsciously come to believe that right is by taking some sort of Gallop Poll of the majority opinion. How many are giving their ultimate allegiance to this way?”*



*“Although you live in the colony of time, your ultimate allegiance is to the empire of eternity. You have a dual citizenry; you live both in time and eternity; both in heaven and earth. Therefore your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to the nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his/her ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God’s will, it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory, evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God.”*



Take my  
Life and  
Let it be,  
consecrated  
Lord to Thee