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THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

A Faith That Compels Our Surrender

Matthew 8:14–22

What type of faith is needed to become a devoted follower of Jesus?

Does your faith compel you to desire God's Kingdom and God's King above all else?

Matthew 8:14–16

Jesus went into Peter's house and saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. So he touched her hand, and the fever left her. Then she got up and began to serve him.

When evening came, they brought to him many who were demon-possessed. He drove out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick,

1 Corinthians 9:5

Don't we have the right to be accompanied by a believing wife like the other apostles, the Lord's brothers, and Cephas?

Matthew 8:17

so that what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

He himself took our weaknesses and carried our diseases. (Isaiah 53:4)

Matthew 8:18–20

When Jesus saw a large crowd, around him, he gave the order to go to the other side of the sea.

A scribe approached him and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."

Jesus told him, "Foxes have dens, and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

Matthew 8:17:21–22

"Lord," another of his disciples said,

"first let me go bury my father."

But Jesus told him,

"Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

Matthew 10:37–38

The one who loves a father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; the one who loves a son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever doesn't take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

The Cost of Discipleship

- -We will work hard to help others who suffer through acts of justice & mercy
- -We will work harder to keep people from eternal suffering through evangelism
- -We will work hardest to treasure Christ above all and bring glory to God through our church

The type of faith that follows

True faith means following Jesus immediately and valuing His kingdom above all earthly comforts and commitments.

Following Jesus demands sacrifice. It is not meant to be convenient or even comfortable—but it's worth it.