

EACH OF **OUR ROADS** ARE DIFFERENT, BUT ALL STILL **MEANS ALL!**

Luke 10:27 (NASB95)

27 And he answered, "You shall love the Lord Your God with *ALL* Your Heart, and with **ALL** Your soul, and with **ALL** Your Strength, and with ALL Your Mind; and Your Neighbor as Yourself."

Luke 14:26 (NASB95) 26 "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

Our love for the Lord has to be an all inclusive, all consuming, nothing left out kind of love. There are no some that are excluded when all means all!

Discipleship Is Costly

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO GIVE UP TO TRULY BECOME A DISCIPLE?

Education

Matthew 16:24 (NASB95)

- Engagement
- Business
- Personal plans
- Financial wealth

2 Samuel 24:24 (NASB95)
24 However, the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy *it* from you for a price, for I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God which cost me nothing."

True discipleship is costly!

1 Chronicles 21:24 (NASB95)
24 But King David said to Ornan, "No, but I will surely buy *it* for the full price; for I will not take what is yours for the LORD, or offer a burnt offering which costs me nothing."

Genesis 22:1–11 (NASB95)

1 Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac.....and offer him there as a burnt offering....which I will tell you."

- Abraham rose early: <u>Willingness to obey no question.</u>
- Abraham split wood: <u>Sacrificial offering was</u> to be offered to the Lord.
- Lad & I will worship and return to you: <u>Death</u> & <u>life in power of the tongue.</u>
- Isaac spoke, where is the lamb: <u>Faith that</u> <u>God will provide.</u>
- Abraham stretched out his hand: <u>Obedience is</u> <u>always required.</u>

Luke 10:1-4 (NASB95)

1 Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come. 2 And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. 3 "Go; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. 4 "Carry no money belt, no bag, no shoes; and greet no one on the way.

There is a misconception of what it means to have a working understanding of the spiritual concept of faith!

Hebrews 11:1–6 (NASB95) The Triumphs of Faith

1 Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the men of old gained approval. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Faith is the very essence of the Christian life!

Acts 1:4 (NASB95)
4 Gathering them together, He
commanded them not to leave Jerusalem,
but to wait for what the Father had
promised......

Faith is pouring out our entire reliance on God: Jesus said wait therefore they waited.

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By faith Able offered.....
By faith Enoch was taken up.....
By faith Noah prepared an ark.....
By faith Abraham obeyed.....
By faith Sarah conceived.....
By faith Moses left Egypt.....
By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish.....
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By faith Gideon, Samson, David......

Hebrews 11:1–6 (NASB95) 6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. Matthew 28:19-20 (NASB95)

19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Acts 2:17 (NASB95)
17 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says,
'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL
MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS
SHALL PROPHESY,

God's power is not limited to a few but to "all".

Matthew 8:26–27 (NASB95)
26 He *said to them, "Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?" Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm. 27 The men were amazed, and said, "What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

Faith in faith is not the answer!

Matthew 17:17-20 (NASB95)

17 And Jesus answered and said, "You unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you.....Bring him here to Me." 18 And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured at once. 20 And He *said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.

It is not the size of the seed that is the emphasis but the strength of the seed, mustard seed is extraordinarily powerful.

Acts 9:36-43 (NASB95)

36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha. 37 And it happened at that time that she fell sick and died....38 disciples having heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him, imploring him, "Do not delay in coming to us."

Acts 9:36-40 (NASB95) 39 So Peter arose and went with them.....they brought him into the upper room; and all the widows stood beside him, weeping....40 But Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

When Peter arrived I wonder if anyone was thinking what Peter thought, that God might want to raise her from the dead.

James 2:20 (NASB95) 20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?

- There are three components of faith: listening, believing & action!
- Faith isn't knowing what to do: it is knowing the God who will do it.
- No doubt Peter heard God's voice, but there had to be a moment when he moved forward by faith.

We all have a different road to travel, faith is not always clear, it is not easy, it does not overflow with confidence and nonstop assurance. But it is required by "all", because without faith it is impossible to please God.

We are all a part of the "all"...God has spoken, you have listened, the real question is do you believe and will you respond?