

COMMITTED
Committed to following Christ!

The Cost of Following Jesus Christ

⁵⁷As they were walking along, someone said to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸But Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head." ⁵⁹He said to another person, "Come, follow me." The man agreed, but he said, "Lord, first let me return home and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus told him, "Let the spiritually dead bury their own

dead! Your duty is to go and preach about the Kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "Yes, Lord, I will follow you, but first let me say good-bye to my family." ⁶²But Jesus told him, "Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God." **Luke 9:57-62 NLT**

JESUS IS ASKING FOR TOTAL COMMITMENT /TOTAL SURRENDER

· A partially surrendered life says, "I'll believe God for some things, but will not trust him for everything."

⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. **Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT**

· We cannot follow Him and the world's way at the same time.

¹³"You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. ¹⁴But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it." **Matthew 7:13-14 NLT**

· Following Jesus may mean we lose relationships, dreams, material things, or even our lives.

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WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE VISION GOD HAS GIVEN US:

Journey Church exists to reach people who are disconnected from God and lead them to become fully devoted followers of Christ.

- Trusting Jesus
- Honoring God
- Making Disciples
- Helping Others

WE ARE COMMITTED TO REACHING THE LOST.

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

³I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

⁵And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true." ⁶And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. ⁷All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

⁸ “But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars—their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

Revelation 21:1-8 NLT

· We really believe God’s Word and that people will go to a place called hell.

¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” **Matthew 28:18-20 NLT**

· We really believe Jesus can change anyone.

¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! ¹⁸ And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. ¹⁹ For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. ²⁰ So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!” ²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:17-21 NLT**

Next Steps for me today...

- To totally surrender my life to Christ today.
- To commit to sharing Christ with others in my life.
- To commit to Christ’s Church today.