

## Choose For Yourselves Today

Joshua 24:1-15

Five most important things that define me



## Must love Him over all else

Luke 14 <sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

Matthew 22:34-40 YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.

If you love Him over all else you  
will follow Him

- **Luke 6:46-49**
  - Why do you call me Lord, Lord and do not do what I say?
- **Matthew 7:15-27**
  - You will know them by their fruits
- **John 14:15-24**
  - If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.
- **John 12**
  - <sup>25</sup> He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. <sup>26</sup> If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

## Do not deny Him

Matthew 10:24-39

- Whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.
- Matthew 10:33 (NIV) But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

2 Timothy 2:8-12

If we deny Him, He also will deny us

Romans 10:9-10 <sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth Jesus (as) Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; <sup>10</sup> for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

## Must weigh the cost

**Matthew 19** <sup>16</sup> And someone came to Him and said, Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life? <sup>17</sup> And He said to him, Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments. <sup>18</sup> Then he said to Him, Which ones? And Jesus said, YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER; YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY; YOU SHALL NOT STEAL; YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS; <sup>19</sup> HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER; and YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. <sup>20</sup> The young man said to Him, All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking? <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to him, If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me. <sup>22</sup> But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to His disciples, Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>24</sup> Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. <sup>25</sup> When the disciples heard this, they were very astonished and said, Then who can be saved? <sup>26</sup> And looking at them Jesus said to them, With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

## Must weigh the cost

• **Luke 14** <sup>28</sup> For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, This man began to build and was not able to finish. <sup>31</sup> Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand men to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions. <sup>34</sup> Therefore, salt is good; but if even salt has become tasteless, with what will it be seasoned? <sup>35</sup> It is useless either for the soil or for the manure pile; it is thrown out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

## Must make up your mind NOW to be ready

• **Joshua 24** <sup>14</sup> Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup> If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

• 1 Peter 1:13-16 Therefore, prepare your minds for action...