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A DEEPER WALK

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Luke 9:23 “Then Jesus said to the crowd, ‘If any of you wants to be My follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow Me.’”

THREE STEPS TO A DEEPER WALK

1. A Deeper SURRENDER.

Luke 9:23 Jesus said, “If any of you wants to be My follower, you must give up your own way.”

Matthew 22:37-38 “Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.”

**If Jesus is not Lord of all, He is not
Lord at all.**

Ephesians 1:9-11 “God has told us His secret reason for sending Christ, a plan He decided on in mercy long ago; and **this was His purpose**: that when the time is ripe He will gather us all together from wherever we are - in heaven or on earth - to be **with Him in Christ** forever. Moreover, because of what Christ has done, we have become gifts to God that He delights in, for as part of God’s sovereign plan we were chosen from the beginning **to be His.**”

Matthew 6:1-2 “Watch out! Don’t do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven. When you give to someone in need, don’t do as the hypocrites do

- blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get.”

Matthew 6:5 “When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them.”

Matthew 6:16 “And when you fast, don’t make it obvious, as the hypocrites do, for they try to look miserable and disheveled so people will admire them for their fasting.”

Philippians 1:15 “It’s true that some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry. But others preach about Christ with pure motives.”

2. A Deeper SACRIFICE.

Luke 9:23 Jesus said, “If any of you wants to be My follower, you must take up your cross daily.”

**Sacrifice is the evidence of the extent
of your love for Jesus.**

John 15:13 “There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

Romans 6:13 “Give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life. And use your whole body as a tool to do what is right for the glory of God.”

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 “The love of Christ controls us. He died for all so that those who live would not continue to live for themselves. He

died for them and was raised from death so that they would live for Him.”

Romans 12:1 “Brothers and sisters, in view of all we have just shared about God’s compassion, I encourage you to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, dedicated to God and pleasing to Him.”

3. A Deeper SHARED Life.

Luke 9:23 Jesus said, “If any of you wants to be My follower, you must follow Me.”

Colossians 2:10 “And because you belong to Christ you are complete, having everything you need.”

**A Deeper Walk with Jesus makes
you complete.**

**When you surrender all and sacrifice
for Him, you have all you need.**

Romans 8:17-18 “Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing

with the glory that will be revealed in us.”

Colossians 3:3-4 “For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all His glory.”

Jeremiah 9:23-24 “This is what the Lord says: ‘Don’t let the wise boast in their wisdom, or the powerful boast in their power, or the rich boast in their riches. But those who wish to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly know Me and understand that I am the Lord who demonstrates unfailing love and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth, and that I delight in these things.’”

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