

***"Apart from faith in Christ, there is no explanation of such a life."  
(William Borden's Gravestone)***

**Most of us love the idea of a close walk with God. Want know God, to hear him speak.**

**But are we ready for what comes next? Every real encounter with God in the Bible leads to life change - you cannot stay the same:**

- Noah
- Abram
- Moses
- King David
- Mary (Mother of Jesus)
- The disciples
- Saul (Apostle Paul)

**Luke 14:33**

So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

**Luke 18:18-23** *And a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have kept from my youth." When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich.*

**Jesus knew that wealth and possessions were holding back this young man from experiencing the fullness of life in God**

**Matt 13:44** "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then **in his joy** he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field..



**It's only a sacrifice if what we are leaving behind is worth more than what we are gaining.** *"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose"- Jim Elliot*

**Called to follow a person, NOT a prescription or program!**

**Does NOT always mean a change in vocational or location**

1 Cor 7:24 *Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein **abide** with God. (KJV)*

**DOES mean a complete reorientation of your priorities**

**Romans 12:1-2** I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a **living sacrifice**, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. **2** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern **what is the will of God**, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

### **Adjusting**

- Our thinking
- Our actions
- Our motives
- Our dreams
- Our ambitions
- Our relationships
- Our vocation
- Our possessions

What are some things God is calling you to surrender or adjust?

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