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## Believe or Follow?

*“For those whom He [God] foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.”*  
(Romans 8:29 NASB)

*...discipline [train] yourself for the purpose of godliness. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.*  
(1 Timothy 4:7-8 NASB/NIV)

*“When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at His teaching, because He taught them as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.”* (Matthew 7:28-29)

**Salvation is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.* (John 3:16)

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works so that no one can boast.* (Ephesians 2:8-9)

*The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.* (Revelation 22:17)

**Discipleship is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them He said: “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters - yes, even his own life - he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’”* (Luke 14:25-30)

*...many even among the leaders believed in Him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.* (John 12:42-43)

**The Great Commission:**

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”* (Matthew 28:19-20)

### **Undercover Believer:**

*Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; this man came to Jesus at night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." (John 3:1-2 - NASB)*

*Jesus responded and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3 - NASB)*

*Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. (John 19:38-39)*

### **Spiritual Immaturity:**

*"Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly - mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly..." (1 Corinthians 3:1-3)*

*"In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil." (Hebrews 5:12-14)*

### **"I'm Not Able"**

*"...he who abides in Me and I in him, bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."  
(John 15:5 NKJV/NASB)*

### **Is Following Jesus Worth It?**

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:19-21)*

*Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!" "I tell you the truth," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life." (Luke 18:28-30)*