

Being A Follower

- Most in this world want to blaze trails and lead (Luke 22:24-ff)
- Humility to follow and go behind is subservient (Matthew 18:1-ff)
- Being born again to enter the kingdom (John 3:3-7/ I Peter 1:23)

A scenic view of a grassy cliffside overlooking the ocean. The foreground is dominated by lush green grass, with a dirt path winding along the edge of the cliff. In the background, the ocean stretches to the horizon, with a rocky coastline visible in the distance. The sky is overcast and hazy.

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Discipleship and Following

The Following Disciples

The Cost of being a Disciple

Discipleship and Following

- A disciple defined
 - Language throughout the gospels and Acts
 - Mathetes (μαθητής)
 - One who follows one's teaching (*Strong's*)
 - A learner (*Vines*)
 - Learner, pupil, disciple (*Bauer, Arnt, Gingrich*)
 - Let him take up his cross and follow me...(Luke 9:23)

Discipleship and Following

- A disciple defined
- A Disciple: a learning follower
 - Religious term today
 - Piano teacher and a pupil
 - Instructor and a student
 - Master and an apprentice in a craft/ trade

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- A disciple defined
- A Disciple: a learning follower
- Of Christ and His followers
 - Whomever of you cannot forsake all that he has cannot be my disciple (Luke 14:26-33)

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- Elements of discipleship:
 - a cost
 - sacrifice
 - Unwavering trust and commitment

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The Scribe (Matthew 8:19-20)

- He would follow wherever Jesus went (v.19)
- Not a “woe is me” response (v.20)
- He had to realize there was a cost to following

The Following Disciples

**The disciple
needing to bury
a father
(Matthew 8:21-22)**

- Had pressing matters (v.21)
- The Lord gives the cost (v.22)
- He had to realize his priorities

The Following Disciples

**The disciples
entering the boat
(Matthew 8:23-27)**

- His disciples followed Him (v.23)
- The Lord states nothing here of their following (v.22)
- They seem to want to go no further (vv.23-25)
- The Lord replies “Oh you of little faith” (v.26)
- Their reply (v.27)

The Disciples Entering the Boat

**Oh you of
little faith.**

(Matthew 8:26)

**How is it that
you lack faith?**

(Mark 4:40)

**Where is
your faith?**

(Luke 8:25)

The Following Disciples

The Scribe (Matthew 8:18-20)

The disciple needing only a father
(Matthew 8:21,22)

The Disciples Entering the Boat (Matthew 8:23-27)

Where is
your faith?

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The cost of being a disciple

- The Centurion (Matthew 8:5-13)
 - Understood Jesus' Authority (vv.8,9)
 - Convinced in the power of His word (vv.8,9)
 - Not found such great faith, not even In Israel (v.10)
 - Perhaps a hidden rebuke to those in the boat later?

The cost of being a disciple

- The Centurion (Matthew 8:5-13)
- Following the Lord diligently and faithfully
 - Noah (Genesis 6 – 9)
 - Abraham (Genesis 12)
 - David (I Samuel 17:17)
- He who hears and does these sayings of mine (Matthew 7:24,25)

The cost of being a disciple

- The Centurion (Matthew 8:5-13)
- Following the Lord diligently and faithfully
- Realizing the cost of following
 - Be willing to forsake all (Matthew 10:38)
 - Be able to lay aside all obstacles (Hebrews 12:1)
 - Being faithful unto death (Revelation 2:10)

Realizing the cost of following

Willing to
forsake all



The scribe

Laying aside
obstacles



The disciple burying
his father

Faithful unto
death



The 12 disciples

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The cost of being a disciple

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- Discipleship requires your all (Matthew 16:24,25-ff)

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