# **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)

# Learning From Followers

Matthew 8

#### **Discipleship and Following**

### The Following Disciples

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

- 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: 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.

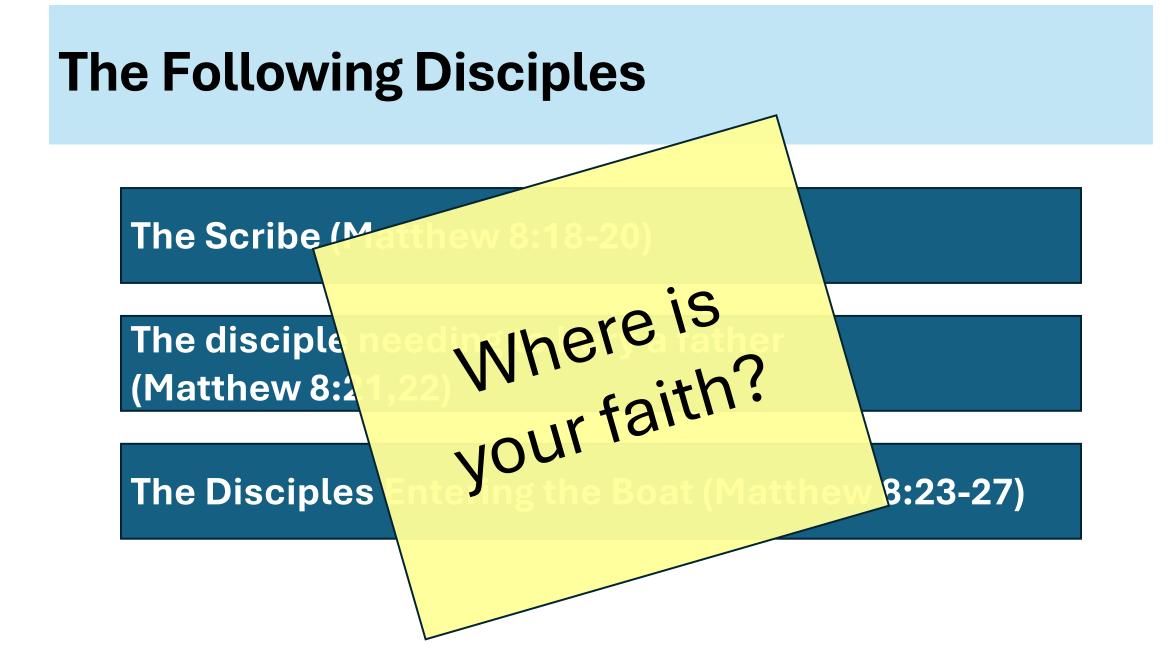
(Matthew 8:26)

How is it that you lack faith?

(Mark 4:40)

Where is your faith?

(Luke 8:25)



#### **Discipleship and following**

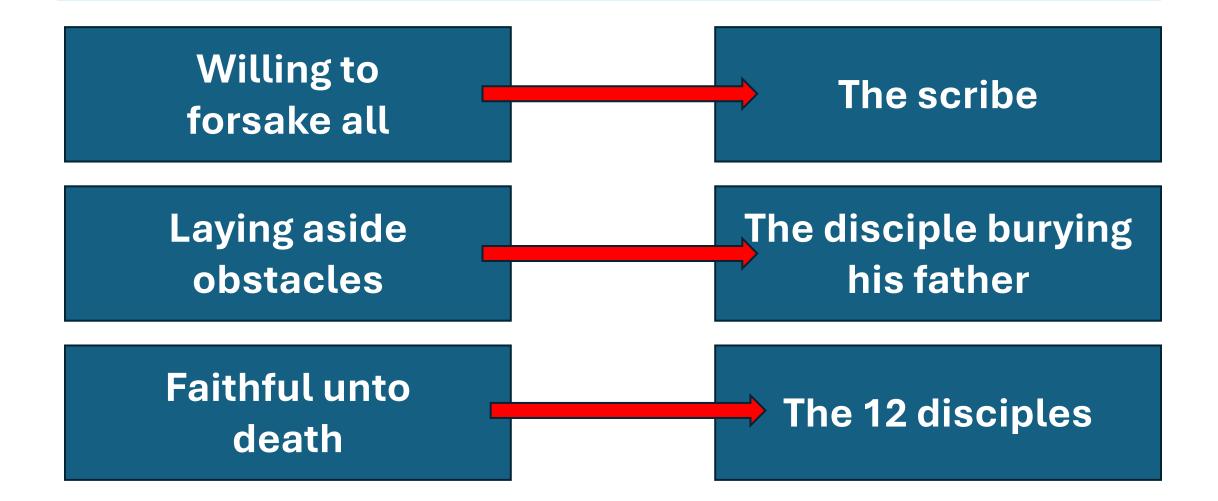
### The Following Disciples

- 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 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)

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- Following the Lord diligently and faithfully
- Realizing the cost of following
  - Be willing to forsake all (Matthew10:38)
  - Be able to lay aside all obstacles (Hebrews 12:1)
  - Being faithful unto death (Revelation 2:10)

### **Realizing the cost of following**



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

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