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(2) Defining The Relationship

ARE YOU A FOLLOWER OF JESUS?

Luke 14:25-26... (NIV)

*Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: 26 "If anyone comes to me and does not **hate** father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters - yes, even their own life - **such a person cannot be my disciple.**"*

"If ANYONE..."

Luke 14:26... (NLT)

*If you want to be my disciple... you must **hate everyone else by comparison** – your father and mother... wife and children... brothers and sisters..."*

FANS will always try and make Jesus... ONE OF MANY!

But Jesus Says...

"I WANT TO BE YOUR ONE... AND ONLY!"

DIAGNOSING FANDOM... (Question #3)

*Is Jesus **ONE OF MANY**... or is He your **ONE AND ONLY**?*

1. WHERE DO YOU SPEND YOUR MONEY?

*"Where your **TREASURE IS**... **THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO!**"*

2. WHEN YOU HURT... WHERE DO YOU GO FOR COMFORT?

FANS don't want to put Jesus on the **THRONE OF THEIR HEARTS!**

Instead...

*They keep a **COUCH** on their hearts... (And At Most...) **GIVE JESUS A CUSHION!***

JESUS WON'T SHARE YOU WITH ANOTHER LOVER!

Luke 14:28-30...

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? 29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, 30 saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

**IF FOLLOWING JESUS COST ME EVERYTHING...
WOULD IT STILL BE WORTH IT?**

"Depart from me... you worker of iniquity... I never knew you!"

Matthew 7:13-14...

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and **many** enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a **few** find it.

Question #1...

DOES YOUR LIFE REFLECT WHAT YOU SAY YOU BELIEVE...?

Matthew 7:21...

"Not everyone who **says** to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who **does** the will of my Father who is in heaven.

A FAN "SAYS"... "LORD... LORD..."

BUT A FAN DOESN'T "LIVE"... "LORD... LORD..."

James 2:14-16...

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone **claims to have faith but has no deeds**? Can **such faith** save them? 15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, **what good is it?**

YOUR FEELINGS AREN'T FAITH... UNTIL THEY ARE EXPRESSED!

Verse 17...

In the same way, **faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.**

A **BELIEF**... no matter how sincere... if not reflected in a **REALITY**...
isn't a **BELIEF**... it's a **DELUSION!**

Question #2...
DO YOU THINK YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT ROAD...
BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU'VE DONE...?

Matthew 7:22...
Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?'

No matter how much **GOOD** you **DO**...
No matter **WHAT YOU ACCOMPLISH** for the Kingdom...
That's **NOT** what makes you a **TRUE FOLLOWER**...

It's by what you DO... with what you SAY... that really matters!

Question #3...
DO YOU KNOW JESUS... AND DOES HE KNOW YOU...?

Matthew 7:23...
"Depart from me... you worker of iniquity... I never knew you!"

The Big Question...

DOES JESUS KNOW YOU...?
