

**Jesus' Radical Love
Calls Us To Be
Radical Disciples**

Imagine being in one of these predicaments:

- ❑ **Scenario #1:** The juice that you just drank was filled with poison and will result in a slow and painful death.
- ❑ **Scenario #2:** You just lost your job, you're hopelessly in debt, you're losing your home, and the mistakes you made at work have resulted in multiple lawsuits against you that could result in you serving time in prison.
- ❑ **Scenario #3:** You and your entire family have been kidnapped and sold into slavery in a foreign land and you are being worked and abused so severely that your lives won't last long.

THE RADICAL LOVE OF GOD:

Romans 5:6-8 (ESV) ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV) ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

We are inclined to help those who we respect and love, but to die for those who are our enemies can only be done with supernatural love... the love of God.

Let that truth sink in. God poured out His wrath on Jesus so that we could be seen as if we'd lived our lives perfectly, like Jesus!

Do you realize that you've been bought at a great price?

Our Great Salvation Prepares us to Join the Kingdom of God



A CALL TO RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP

Luke 14:25-27 (NIV2011) ²⁵ 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. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

In the 21st century, large crowds are usually considered a massive opportunity to grow a movement and many leaders would be careful as to not offend anyone.

*How does Jesus use the opportunity?
He calls for discipleship that places Him as a priority above everything and everyone. Is this type of call to discipleship foreign to you?*

When you evaluate your passions, how you spend your time, and use your money, where does Jesus rank in your priorities?

SO... THEN WHAT IS THE WORK WE ARE TO DO?

John 6:28-29 (NASB) ²⁸ Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?"

²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

This question comes after Jesus has indicated that their desires do not align with His. They ask the question, but their hearts are not inclined to follow Him.

Our culture's understanding of "belief" is very different from the Hebrew and Greek understanding. True belief drives individuals to action.

Is your belief in, and love for, Jesus strong enough to drive you to a life of radical discipleship?