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God and Us

Follow Jesus

John 6:60-69 (NIV)

⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him.

⁶⁵ He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him."

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷ **"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.**

⁶⁸ **Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**

⁶⁹ **We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."**

John 14:6-7 (NIV)

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

We can't customize Jesus for ourselves.

**When we actually follow Him,
He revolutionizes us.**

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.

² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Following Jesus is not easy (but help is on the way).

The following are just a few of Jesus' commands. What would following these commands look like in your everyday life today?

- **Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you. (Luke 6:27)**
- **Make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. (Matthew 28:19-20)**
- **Feed the hungry, show hospitality to strangers, care for the sick, visit those in prison. (Matthew 25:35-36)**
- **Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth... but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven... you cannot serve God and money.” (Matthew 6:19-24)**
- **You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:39)**

Luke 14:25-33 (NIV)