

Greatest Hits Vol 2 Pt2

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Walk Away

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John 6:60-7:9

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Responses to Jesus' "hard" teaching:

1. _____

John 6:60-66 - On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" 61 Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? 62 Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! 63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and 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 them." 66 From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

"Hard"- Hard to accept. Not _____ difficulty but _____ demand.

We are a generation that accepts Christianity based on it fitting into what we _____

A lot of people treat Christianity like a hobby, but it's the _____ in the world.

If you have walked away with the crowds, come back. God loves you and hasn't given up on you.

2. _____

v70-71- Then Jesus replied, "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!" 71 (He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)

You can do things externally and have no _____ for Jesus internally.

Nobody wants to be Judas, _____?

If you, like Judas have gotten caught up in something that has pulled you away, turn to Jesus. He's more than just a quick cheap thrill.

3. _____

v67-69 - "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 have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

Walking with Jesus means you'll have some _____, but even though you don't understand everything, you _____.

American Christianity would lead us to believe that being a Christian is a matter of a _____, not a lifetime. That's not what Jesus said.

Jesus disdained the short term " _____ "

Barriers to true discipleship:

1. _____

Luke 9:57-58 - As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58 Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

The Holy Spirit knows your _____ and will often confront them head on in your life.

If you follow Jesus there is a _____ at the end but a _____ on the way.

2. _____

Luke 9:59-60 - He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

When you truly find Jesus, for real, nothing else matters because you understand how much _____.

3. _____

Luke 9:61-62 - Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." 62 Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

Luke 14:25-26 - 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."

Your life goes wherever your _____ is focused. When your heart is divided you run in two directions and don't really go anywhere.

What barrier to true discipleship are you running into? Knock it down and follow Jesus all out.

4. _____

John 7:1-2 - After this, Jesus went around in Galilee. He did not want to go about in Judea because the Jewish leaders there were looking for a way to kill him. 2 But when the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was near,

7:3 - Jesus' brothers said to him, "Leave Galilee and go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do."

7:4 - No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world."

7:5 - For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

7:6-9 - Therefore Jesus told them, "My time is not yet here; for you any time will do. 7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that its works are evil. 8 You go to the festival. I am not going up to this festival, because my time has not yet fully come." 9 After he had said this, he stayed in Galilee.

Who in your life seems to far from Jesus to follow Him? They just need an encounter with the risen Savior.