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LIFE IS FULL OF...

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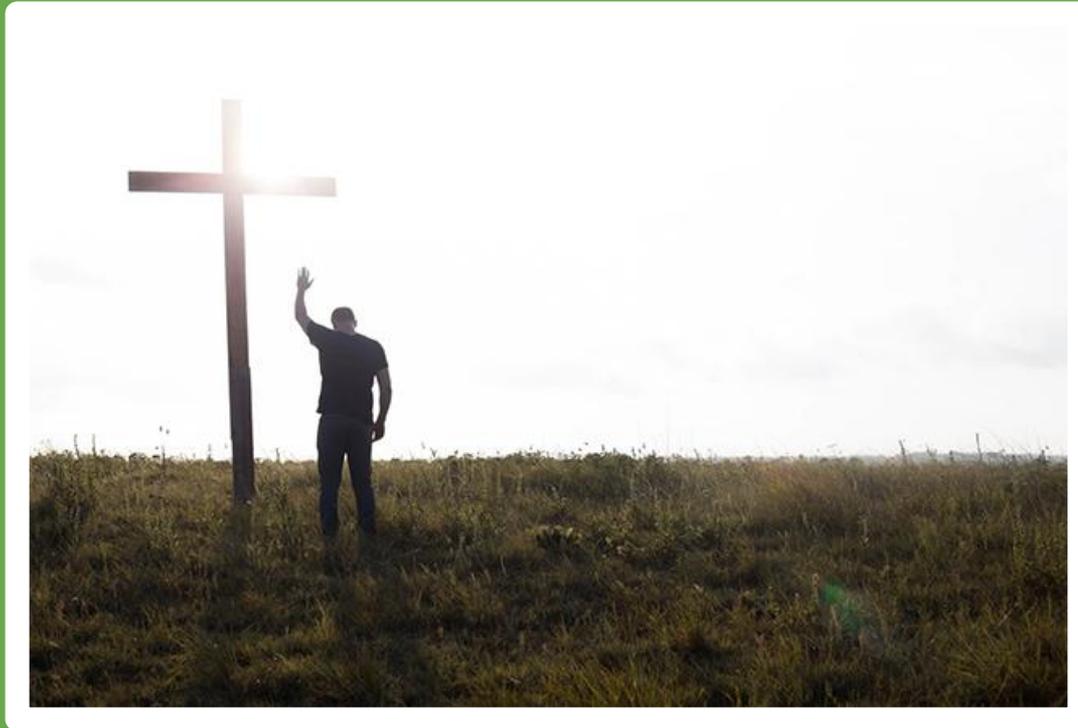
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Deciding to follow Jesus is...  
the **BIGGEST** decision of your life,  
& the **BEST** decision of your life.



# Why do we need Jesus?



Because...

of our **SIN** - we are messed up and broken.

& to **free us** from our evil world - our world is messed up.

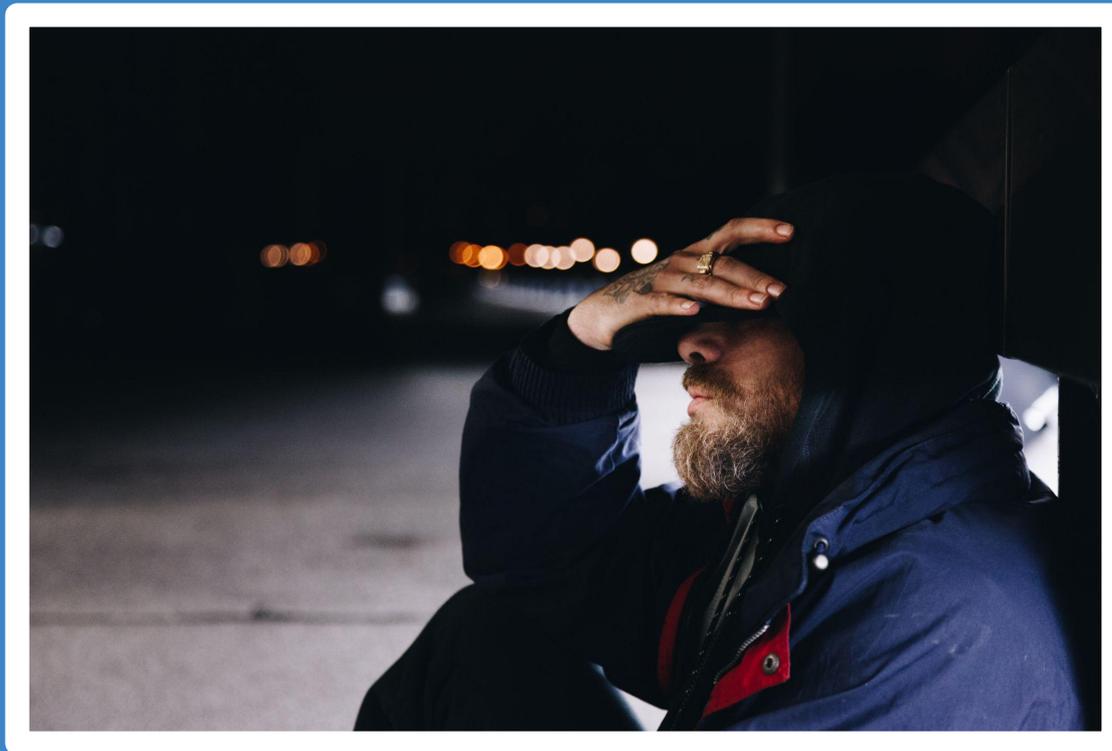
Also, to **free us** from death. Death is a result for sin.



# SIN is a selfishness problem.

Sin is self-focused, can be fun, can also be painful, but always takes you in the wrong direction.

“Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keeps you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay.”



# What is sin?

“Doing **wrong** is always sin...”

- 1 John 5:17

Whatever is done against God’s will.



# Jesus is the **fix**.

Jesus gave himself for **our sins** to **free us** from this evil world we live in. This is what God our Father wanted.

- Galatians 1:4

23 When people sin, they earn what sin pays—**death**. But God gives his people **a free gift**—eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

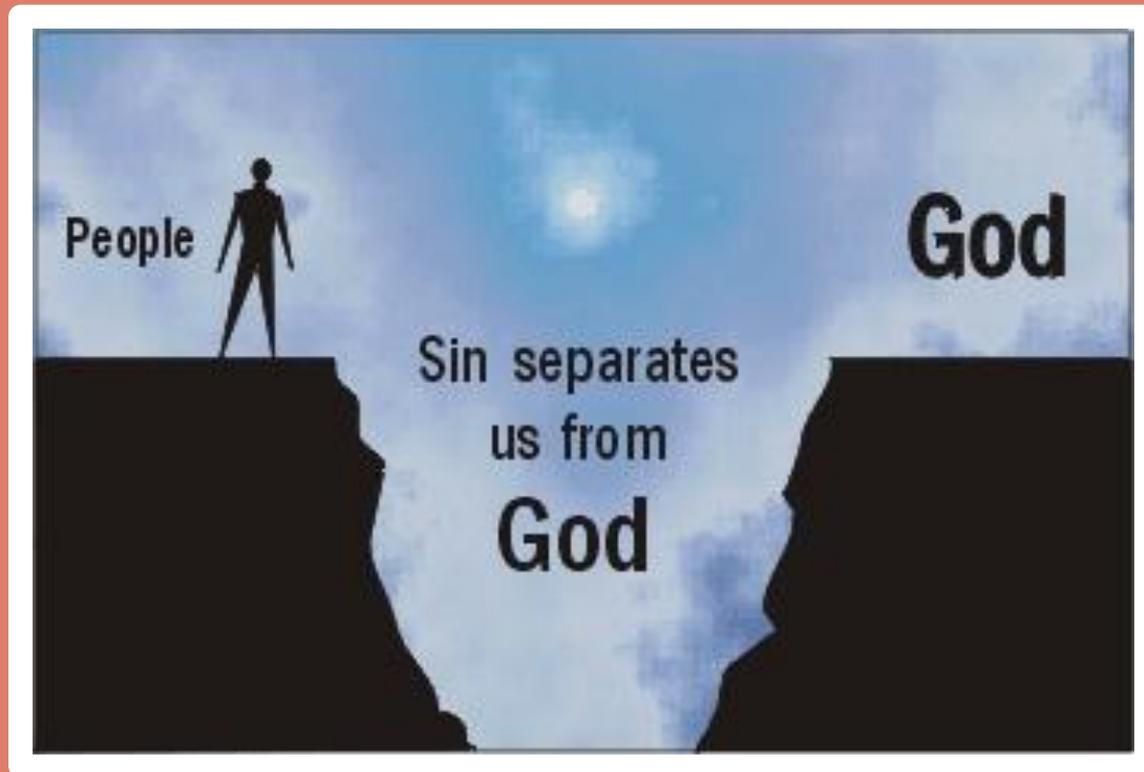
- Romans 6:23



# Sin separates us from God.

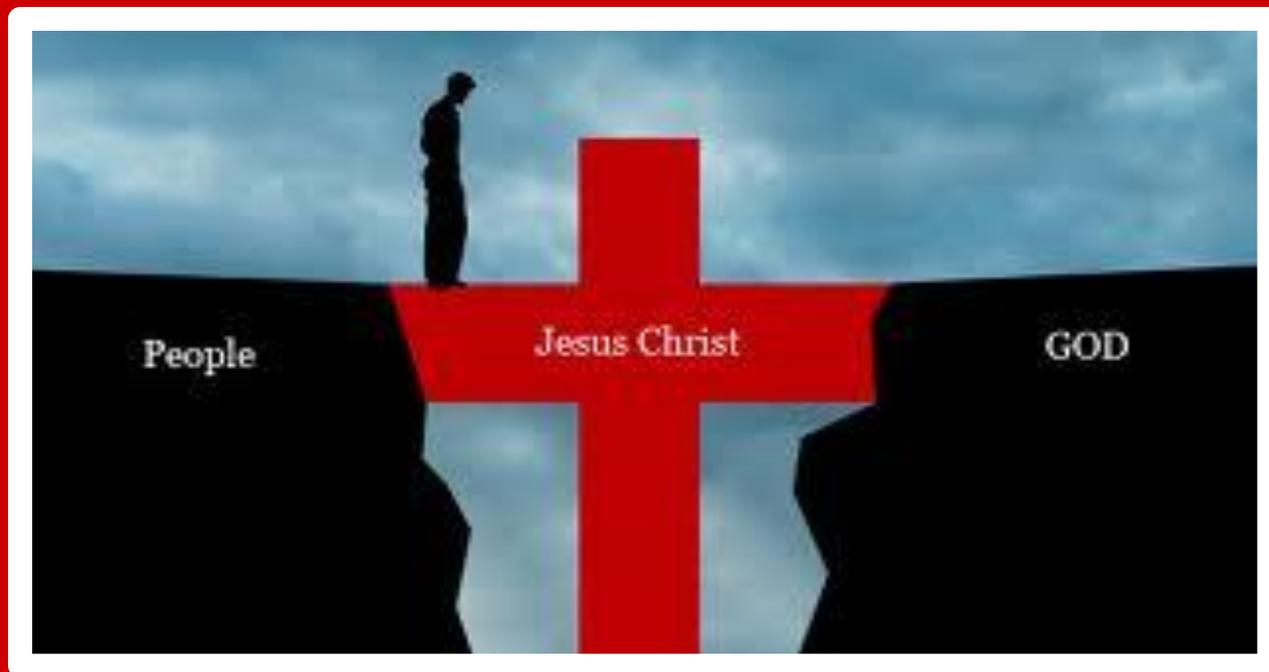
2 It is your sins that separate you from your God. He turns away from you when he sees them.

Isaiah 59:2



# Jesus connects people back to God

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to the Father is through me. - John 14



# Decisions cost us something...



**If I want to stay up late watching the ballgame live, I'm going to have to give up some sleep to do it.**

**If I want a cheeseburger from McDonalds, myself or someone is going to have to give up some money or a coupon to get it.**

# The Price is Right



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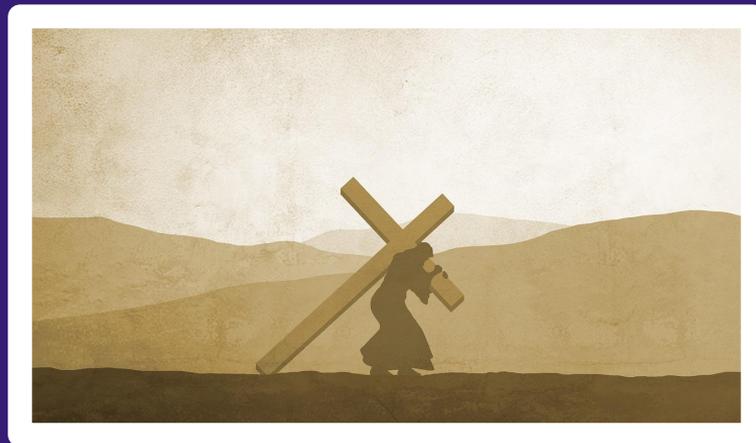
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# Following Jesus is a decision that costs you...

Then Jesus said to his followers, “If any of you want to be my follower, you must stop thinking about yourself and what you want. You must be willing to carry the cross that is given to you for following me.

- Matthew 16:24



**25 Many people were traveling with Jesus. He said to them, 26 “If you come to me but will not leave your family, you cannot be my follower. You must love me more than your father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters—even more than your own life! 27 Whoever will not carry the cross that is given to them when they follow me cannot be my follower.**

**28 “If you wanted to build a building, you would first sit down and decide how much it would cost. You must see if you have enough money to finish the job. 29 If you don’t do that, you might begin the work, but you would not be able to finish. And if you could not finish it, everyone would laugh at you. 30 They would say, ‘This man began to build, but he was not able to finish.’**

**33 “It is the same for each of you. You must leave everything you have to follow me. If not, you cannot be my follower.**

**Luke 14**

**The cost to follow Jesus is your  
LIFE.**



**Stop living for what you want  
and live for God.**

**20 So I am not the one living now—it is Christ living in me. I still live in my body, but I live by faith in the Son of God. He is the one who loved me and gave himself to save me.**

**Galatians 2 (Paul)**

**30 He must become more and more important, and I must become less important.**

**John 3 (John the Baptist)**

**Following Jesus means you realize you cannot do life on your own--it's you giving up on trying to control life yourself and letting God live inside you so He can change/transform you from your messes and brokenness to look like Jesus.**



**Following Jesus is a daily decision.**



**It's deciding to be born again. It's a re-start with a new heart and mind.**

**Jesus answered, "I assure you, everyone must be born again. Anyone who is not born again cannot be in God's kingdom."**

**John 3:3**

**22 You were taught to leave your old self. This means that you must stop living the evil way you lived before. That old self gets worse and worse, because people are fooled by the evil they want to do. 23 You must be made new in your hearts and in your thinking. 24 Be that new person who was made to be like God, truly good and pleasing to him.**

**Ephesians 4**

# Why do we need to follow?



# Jesus...

- Frees us from sin.
- Frees us from this evil world.
  - Frees us from death.
  - Connects us back to God.
  - Transforms/changes us.
- Gives us the Holy Spirit to live inside us.
  - Is the way, truth, and the life.
  - Gives us a relationship with Him.
- Give us eternal life in heaven with God, rather than eternal life in Hell without God.

# Future Sessions

- How do I get started following Jesus?
- How does one follow Jesus?
- What to expect as you follow.
- Grace
- Personal Testimonies

# Prayer