

Jesus Is My Every Thing

Luke 14:25-26

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Graduation brings about a flood of emotions and many life-changing decisions.
- B. One life-changing decision involves one's relationship with God. Will the graduates remain faithful
- C. Jesus doesn't just want to be something in our lives; He wants to be everything in our lives.

Must We Really Hate Our Family?

- A. Jesus tells these would be followers that they must hate their family in order to follow Him.
Doesn't this contradict everything else the Bible teaches about loving our families?
 - 1. **EXO: 20:12/Eph. 6:2** – Honor your father and mother.
 - 2. **EPH. 5:25** – Husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the church.
 - 3. **EPH. 5:28** – Husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.
 - 4. **TIT. 2:4** – older women are to train younger women to love their husbands/children.
- B. Jesus means we must love Him even more than we love our family and own lives (**Gen. 29:30-31**).
- C. Jesus is saying unless He comes before everything else in our lives, we can't be His disciples.

Jesus Must Be Our Every Thing

- A. He will not play second chair to anyone or anything (**MATT. 6:33**). It's all or nothing at all.
- B. Why would Jesus ask such a thing of those who want to follow Him?
- C. Jesus knows that if He is not our every thing, we will not always choose to follow Him.
 - 1. We will choose those closest to us over the Lord (**DEUT. 13:6-11; I KGS. 11**).
 - 2. We will choose aspects of our lives over Him: work, hobbies, activities, sports (**MT. 16:21-26**).

QUESTION We Must All Answer: Is Jesus your Everything?

- A. If Jesus is not our every thing, we will not always be willing to follow Him.
- B. We care what others think and we fear what others will do.

CONCLUSION:

- A. Jesus is looking for followers who will follow Him even if that means they follow Him alone.
- B. Half-hearted Christians make Him sick (**REV. 3:14-16**).
- C. Jesus doesn't just want to be something in our lives; He wants to be everything in our lives.