

The Simple Path

Luke 9:23 If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

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The Call

Look I stand at the gate. Narrow is this gate and difficult its path. Yet it leads to life. I am this gate. I am also this path. Likewise I am the life thereof.

Take My burden and yoke upon you, for I will give you rest. My yoke and burden is this path of life. Here you will find rest for your soul.

This simple way is the way of My Father. It is only revealed to the humble and weak, the rejected and despised. You cannot understand this way of life and follow by it, unless you become like a little child.

Why is this, Lord?

I am everything that you will find on this path. I am the gate on this path. I am also the light on this path. Likewise, I am the life of this simple path. The truth of this path you can only find in Me.

Unless you love Me you will not be able to travel along this path, for I am everything you will find here. Everything about this path is in Me.

Unless you turn away from everything you love, you will not be able to follow along this path. For on this path I will be all you have. Unless you love Me, you cannot travel along this path.

But Lord, what about my plans and dreams for life?

Come with Me, and I will show you what life is. Leave your plans and dreams for now, for I will show you My Father's kingdom. Once you have truly tasted of My life and truly seen My kingdom, your plans and dreams will simply fade away.

But unless you leave your plans and dreams behind, they will continually call you back. Do not be deceived. If you love this world and the things thereof, it will keep you from travelling along this path.

Unless you become like a simple child, you will look at this way and call it foolish. For it is foolishness to those who love their own way.

Come with Me. My Father knows what you need. Do not look at your brother' or sister's path. Simply look to Me. On this path you will find everything you will ever need.

Lord, but I am afraid...

Do not fear, for I have overcome this world. Nothing in this world has any hold on Me nor on the life of this simple path.

I love you. I love you with an everlasting love. I laid down My life for you that you might find this path paved with the blood of My love.

My perfect love will drive away all your fear. Choose My simple path and you will find My love every step of the way.

Lord, show me and I will believe...

Unless you walk this path by faith, you cannot please My Father. For it is only those who are faithful to His voice who will travel along this way.

To make you believe, this world gives you pictures. But My Father gives you His Spirit to lead you by His voice.

If you will love Me like a child, you will also believe Me like a child. Unless you become like a child, My Father will not be pleased.

Do not believe the pictures this world gives to you about My Father and I, for it is empty and void of life. Follow Me, and I will lead you to the Father.

Lord, teach me to walk...

Commit your ways unto Me, and I will show you the path to follow. Trust not in your own understanding, for My ways and thoughts are not natural and of this world.

I will teach you one day at a time. Also, I will open your eyes one day at a time. Only yield to the voice of My Spirit. He is your Guide along this path.

Yet, there will be many voices crying out to you as you will follow Me. Voices of concern, love, anger, discouragement, jealousy and temptation.

Do not listen to these voices. Silence them in the early morning hours as you commit your way to Me. For I will teach you the path of faith in Me.

The Cost

Lord, I will follow you wherever you go...

Many have said that, but few have been faithful. Therefore here is wisdom: Before you step unto this path, take some time to count the cost thereof.

This gate is narrow and its path difficult. Therefore travel lightly. You think you need to bring many things along. Not so, for nothing but faith is needed.

I am this path. The life on this path is Me. Likewise, I am the light and truth that you will find along this path. You will need nothing but Me.

For here is the test: Will you be satisfied with Me alone? If there is nothing but Me along this path, will you still follow Me?

But Lord, what is the purpose of this path?

I have come that you might enter My Father's kingdom. I have come that you might live the life as We live it and live it to the full.

This path leads you to My Father's life. The purpose of the path is to cross the divide between the life of this world and the life of My Father.

To follow this path is to carry the cross of My Father's will. My Father is the Father of the fatherless, but also the Lord of all. To live where He lives, you need to do His will.

On this path, your will shall die, and His will shall become everything. When that happens, you have crossed over and have entered the life of the Father.

But Lord, I thought you came to bless me with life...

God is life. The blessedness of life, is the blessedness of Me. It cannot be contained or measured. It can only be experienced.

My life, you may live by, walk in and enjoy to the full. Yet, it never becomes yours to own. For I am that life.

In this world you receive gifts to use for your pleasure. You take ownership thereof and make decisions regarding it. Not so in My Father's kingdom.

In My Father's kingdom, He owns everything. Yet, He takes pleasure in sharing His kingdom with His children, for He knows what you need.

I did not come to bless the world, but have come to bring you into the blessing of My Father. Seek Him and His Kingdom and all the things this world desires will be added unto you.

Lord, is all that you then have for me on this road?

I am this path. When you accepted Me, you also accepted this path. You cannot be my follower unless you travel with Me along this path.

Unless you enter through this narrow gate and follow this difficult path, you will always remain unfulfilled as a believer.

For you would have seen My Father's kingdom and glory, but your experience will never be that which I have promised.

Therefore count the cost of this way. Deny your own way, greet your family and friends, carry nothing but trust in Me and let's walk together the path of life...

The Guide

Lord, I will follow you wherever you lead.

Enter through the narrow gate. Here the Spirit is waiting to lead you further. But before you travel along this path, you must understand the law of the Spirit of life.

The Spirit will lead you in the truth. He will testify and reveal Me as the truth. Follow Him in obedience and you will walk under the domain and reign of My Father.

Keep in step with Him, and His life will destroy the life of sin and death within you. He will bring you to doors of truth along this path. At these doors, follow and obey Him, for then He will set you free from the bondage and limitations of the flesh and sin.

This is the law of the Spirit of life: Keep in step with Him and you will be set free from all the power of sin and death, and you will walk in His power and life.

Lord, is obedience then all that is needed?

Faith is obedience to My word. Without it, you cannot please the Father. Without it My power can never be released in your life.

The Spirit will speak not on His own, but will speak My words. Follow and obey His words, for it will release the life and domain of the Kingdom in your life.

Yet, He will teach you to obey. Obedience is not the keeping of law, but the following of His leading. Do not try to keep laws, but rather simply keep in step with Him.

On this simple path religious righteousness means nothing. Rather remain in Me, keep in step with My Spirit and you will be in rightstanding with Me.

Lord, is all my sacrifice then in vain?

Many sacrifice, but few obey. Many try to manipulate Me through their sacrifices. Yet, on this simple path there is only one sacrifice required or accepted.

The sacrifice I desire, is obedience to My voice. This is the sacrifice of self-denial on the altar of self-death. This is what is required of you right now.

Understand this: unless you deny your own life, you cannot live by My life. Unless you deny your own way, you cannot follow in My way. Unless you deny your own truth, you cannot be set free by My truth.

Therefore unless you deny yourself and present yourself as a living sacrifice on the altar of obedience, you cannot follow Me along this path.

But Lord, how will I do this?

Simply give yourself to Me. Without reservation. Without hidden motives. Without expectations. Come as a simple child and surrender your all to Me.

Here at this narrow gate, you need to exchange your life for Mine. Surrender your way and embrace My way. Surrender your truth and embrace My truth. Surrender your life and embrace My life.

As you surrender, My Spirit will put to death your ways and show you the Way. Likewise He will destroy your truth, and lead you in the Truth. He will put to death your natural life, and become your Life.

Surrender to the Spirit of Life and you will live. Obey Him and you will walk in His power and dominion. Without Him, you will never inherit the Kingdom.

Lord, must I do all this before I can enter through this gate?

What I will do in your life, will happen along this simple path. My truth, light and life is only found along this path. Yet unless you surrender to My Spirit you can go no further.

My Spirit will not force you or push you along this path. He will simply show you the way. Unless you surrender to Him as a child, you will not even see Him; neither will you hear Him.

Without a humble, surrendered heart you cannot yield to Him. You will constantly follow your own heart and its desires. Surrender and yield to Him, for only then will He lead you further.

But remember: Along this path everything that you are and have will die, so that everything you are and have might be of God. Follow the Spirit and let us journey together along the path of life...

The gates along the path

This gate is narrow and few find it. Unless you seek Me with all your heart, you will not find it. For only those who hunger and thirst for Me, not my blessing, find it.

Yet along this road there are many paths and many gates. As you travel with Me, there will be many opportunities to get back on the broad path.

There are many forks in the path ahead. At each end of the fork there is also a gate. These gates represent the choices you must make.

Lord, how will I know which path to choose?

The Spirit is your Guide. He will show you the way. He will guide you with His still small voice. He will guide you through a small dim light.

The light on the one path is My Spirit. While the light on the other path is the spirit of this world.

Do not be deceived. At first the light from the spirit of this world is much brighter and more attractive than that of My Spirit.

The spirit of this world, standing at the broad gate, continuously calls out to those who have decided to follow the narrow path.

But Lord, how will I know who is calling?

The spirit of this world calls out according to the lusts in people's hearts. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life are the three calls you will hear.

Do not allow your heart to be drawn by that call, but instead surrender all to Me. For the call from the spirit of this world will be to look to yourself.

It will call you to look at what you have lost since following this path. It will also call you to walk again the same old paths you have so often walked before choosing to follow Me.

It will tempt you to just 'briefly' depart from this narrow and difficult path, and 'once again' enjoy the pleasure of 'looking after yourself'.

Lord, may I not look after myself? For if I don't who will?

Why did you choose to give Me your life? Was it not because you realized that you were in need of a Saviour?

I have come to be your life and to lead you into My Father's kingdom. The only way I can do this, is if you continuously follow Me.

Is the root of your fear not whether you can trust Me? I have promised that I will take care of you and give you the life as We live it. Simply trust Me.

The spirit of this world wants you to doubt My love and word, and go back to 'looking after your own interests'. Do not be afraid. Only believe.

Lord, if I fully trust You, will that keep me from choosing the wrong path?

Yes, but your faith in Me must be rooted in love for Me. When the call of this world comes, you will have to choose between My love and the love for yourself.

If you love Me more than yourself, then you will be able to put your trust in Me, and surrender to the Spirit's leading.

Then your faith in Me will enable you to follow My leading and through the Spirit's power you will overcome the obstacles in the path.

Therefore, unless you love Me more than yourself or this world, you will not trust Me enough to follow the leading of My Spirit.

If the love for yourself or this world is greater, you will find it very difficult to hear My Spirit or to see the gate where He waits to lead you further.

If you love the world and the things thereof, the spirit of this world will provide many opportunities for you to get off this simple path.

Lord, is the root of the problem of temptation therefore my own desires?

Yes, it is your own heart, and not the spirit of this world, which is the problem. The spirit of this world is simply calling to 'whosoever would hear his voice'.

But it is your own desires that lead you on the broad path of destruction. It is the love of yourself and the desire to please yourself that will keep you from following Me.

Lord, I see the evil of my own heart and its desires draw me away from you. How shall I be purified that I may walk in your path?

I must teach you regarding the cross. For unless you daily deny yourself and pick up your cross before following Me, you will not succeed in your quest to finding true life...

The Cross

The cross is an instrument unto death. It brings much pain and suffering. At the cross your vision dies, for the darkness of death swallows even the brightest ray of day.

The cross is the altar of sacrifice. On that cross, I, the Lamb of God was slaughtered for the sins of the world.

The cross is the place of shame. On that hill the world despised and ridiculed Me. There I was rejected and left to die. At the cross humility is truly tested.

The cross is the place of absolute surrender. Here all is handed over. At the cross the end of the battle for your life is recorded.

But the cross is also the gate to life. As I carried and hung on that cross it worked death in Me, yet it opened the gate to life for you.

Lord, how am I to bear this cross?

The cross is a gate through which you must enter My life. It is the gate of the death of the natural life, but also the gate to My life in you.

To bear the cross you must enter through the gate of death. It is to present yourself on the altar of obedience, awaiting to die.

It is as you present yourself through surrender unto Me, that the power of the exchanged life will work in you.

At the gate of the cross you exchange your life for Mine. Here you surrender your old life, and I give unto you My life.

But Lord, if you came to give Me life, why all the pain, suffering and shame?

This is because of the nature of the gift. I did not come to bless you with an ordinary gift. I came to give Myself to you.

I did not come to simply give you an abundant life. I came to be your life. I came to be the power, ability, blessing, purpose and will within your life.

Yet more than that, I come as a living Person to live My life through you. This is the pain, suffering and shame of the cross.

At the gate of the cross, you surrender yourself unto Me, to be fully taken captive by Me. Here we share one life – the life of the Father.

But Lord, what comes after the cross?

From this gate follows the path of the cross. It is the path of living a life in the flesh, by the life of the Spirit.

Here your feet will touch the dust of this world, but your life will come from Me. Here you will see the things in this world, but your vision will come from Me. Here you will hear the calling from this world, but you will listen to the voice of My Spirit.

This is the life of denial. To live by My life you must deny your own life. This is the message of the cross. Without the denial of your life, you cannot live by My life.

You will never know the power of My life, unless you exchange your life for Mine.

By following along this path, you will become like Me. I carried the cross of My Father's will and likewise you must do the same.

But know this, that your life is no longer your own. You will be steered and directed to do the Father's will. Daily you must carry the cross of the Father's will.

This path of My Father's will, will lead you to much power and grace, but also suffering and shame. As the love of the Father is poured out through you, many will live. Yet, many will also hate you, because they hate Him.

Unless you love Me and the Father, you will not do this. For it is only the love of My Father that kept Me on the cross. Loose your heart in Him, and you will not shrink back, for His love will be more than enough.

For as death works in your natural life, the life of the Father is released in you to be the fragrance of life to a dying world.

Also, you cannot follow Me, unless you are carrying the cross of My Father's will. I can only lead you in His will and life, if you have exchanged your life for Mine.

If you do this, My Father will extend His will and purpose, through you. He will use your feet, which touch the dust of the earth, to extend the gospel of the kingdom. He will use your hands to heal the sick. He will use your mouth to speak the mysteries of the kingdom.

Do you now see that the life of this path is not an ordinary gift? It is a Person. It is Me. This is the cross. For you cannot walk with Me, unless you first agree to follow Me - to go where I go - to say what I say - to do what I do.

On the path of the cross there is no room for your life - only My life in you: to bring life to others.

Lord, where do I start?

I have already started this work within you. For through the new birth, you have already given your life to Me, and I have given Mine to you.

You have already been crucified with Me, and the path of Me as your life has been laid. I have bought you with My own blood and therefore you are Mine.

Yet, will you come daily to Me, deny yourself, pick up the cross of My will and follow Me? For it is only along the path of the cross that you will find Me.

Therefore everything has been done for you to come and live with Me and My Father, and experience the life of the Kingdom.

Count the cost of love. Deny yourself. Deny this world. Then come sit at My feet and I will show you the Father's will.

Together we will see. Together we will hear. Together we will travel. Together we will do the Father's will.

This is the cross...

How much do you love Me?

Others along the path

Along this simple path there are many others. These are those who have also decided to walk with Me. They are your true brothers and sisters.

I have made you all one in Me at the cross, and all are now called to follow along this simple path. Yet, this journey with others is not what most think it is.

Along this path, as you all walk with Me, I slowly form you into a new, holy people – a peculiar nation.

These are not just 'other believers'. For you are all called and designed to be givers of My Life to those around you. I have placed gifts in each one of you to share with those around you.

Are these the people in my church?

The church is the gathering of the 'called out ones' – those who have decided to follow Me. It is everyone who has made Me their Path.

This gathering can not be divided or grouped. This gathering consists of all who have become one in Me as their Path and Life. The true church is simply assembled in Me, as the Head.

Wherever two or three are gathered in My name, there I am in their midst to be the Head. There I desire to work in making them one with one another and a corporate extension of My Father's will.

It is through your love for one another that I am able to make you one. Without true love for those along this path, you will never see this peculiar, holy nation.

Lord, is it my love that enables you to do this?

To the degree that you love your neighbour, I am able to make you one. The Father's love is the divine power that keeps Our family together.

For it was the Father's love that sent Me to the cross for you. It was again His love for Me, that enabled Me to endure the cross.

Again, it was His love that reached out to you to put you on this path of life. And even now, it is His love working through you which enables you to follow Me as your Path.

Likewise, it is His love that will make you and your brother one. You can not do this in yourself. Only the love of the Father can cause you to lay down your life for your brothers and sister along this path.

But Lord, how do I grow in love?

The Father is love. As you walk with Me and the Father you will grow in the His love. You will behold and understand His love. And as you surrender to Him, His love will grow in you.

Can you now see that as you follow Me, and grow in the Father's love, that He will cause you to love your neighbour? His love is the divine power that makes Us all one.

Through the power of His love, you will be able to lay down your life to bring His life to even those you may not like. It is as you remain in Me, that I build My church.

Love your neighbour as you experience My love. If you do not experience My love, come back and follow Me, and I will lead you in the Father's love.

If you do not love, you are not with Me. This is the true test to know whether you are truly following Me ...

The Life of Love

Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends. Love is the life source of My body – the church.

Without the love of the Father, the members of My body dry up. Eventually only a wasteland of dry bones remain.

The power of love is what is needed to break open into the life source of the Father. It starts as you lose your own life along this simple path and you find Me as your life.

As you then lay down your life for your brother, he will experience My love and life. This is when My body becomes alive in power and might.

Lord, can I therefore cause breakthrough in my brother's life by the power of Your love?

Yes, this is the power of the love of Our family. As I laid down My life for, you experienced the Father's love.

Likewise, the hardness or apathy of your brother's heart may be broken as you lay down your life and you are poured out as a drink offering before him. As he tastes the life of love, he may turn and drink of Me.

You become an extension of the Life of love, by your willingness to loose your own, and lay it down for those along this path.

This is how My Life comes to a broken and lost world – through you.

Is this why the message of the cross and loosing of my own life is so important?

The cross is place where life is exchanged - your life for My Life. It is the door to Life for you, but it should also be the door of Life for others.

As people see you carry the cross of My Father's love for them, they will see Me. Your life will become a window of Life through which they will see and thirst after Me.

Unless you loose your life on the path of the cross, you will not bear much fruit. But if you loose your life for My Life, many will find and walk with Me.

You are a light for others. You are the salt for others. You must direct others along this path. You must spend your life to bring Life to others.

Lord, will all who see you in this way, come to know you?

No, many who saw My in that day and did not follow Me. Many came after the miracles and bread, but few followed Me.

Even today, many will see Me in you, and marvel. But they will not come to Me that I may give them life. They love their own life and their own way simply too much.

Many will laugh and mock you. Many will despise and ridicule you. They will persecute and reject you. But rejoice, for they did the same to Me.

Simply follow Me on this path of the cross of love. There will always be those who are sick and in need of a physician. It is for them that I have come.

Lord, should this be my ministry?

This is not your ministry. This is My ministry to the world and My body. You are simply called to follow Me and minister as I lead you.

My Life ministers. Simply remain in Me and I will minister through you and bring Life and healing to a broken world.

Do not box My Life. Do not label it. Do not market it. Do not sell it. Freely you have received. Freely give.

Minister by laying down your life for a broken world. This is the Life of love. This will unlock the power of divine love.

For where I am, there My servant will be also ...