

FOLLOWING JESUS

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A Little Context...

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LUKE 9:43-45 ⁴³ But while they were all marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, ⁴⁴ "Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men." ⁴⁵ But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, so that they might not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

The Cost Of Following Jesus (v.67-62)

"The point of all these tough words as Jesus interacts with different people is not to create laws that all disciples or all missionaries have to keep: Thou shalt give all your money! Thou shalt give half your money! Thou shalt go without a bed! Thou shalt go without a funeral for your dad! The point is that Jesus knows everyone's idol. Jesus knows perfectly what is competing in your heart with affection for him. He looks everyone of us in the face this morning and sees right to our heart. Let him do that for you now. Don't take offense. He does this to win us for himself. "Follow me!" is the goal. Being with Jesus is the goal. It won't be easy. But it will be good. Because he will be with us." – John Piper

- **The danger of over-attachment to your _____.** (v.57-58)
 - Following Jesus is going to include _____.
- **The danger of over-attachment to your _____.** (v.59-60)
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→ **What things in this life are competing with Jesus for your heart's affections?**

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- **The danger of over-attachment to your home. (v.57-58)**
 - Following Jesus is going to include hardship.
- **The danger of over-attachment to your family. (v.59-60)**
 - Following Jesus requires urgency.
- **The danger of indecisiveness. (v.61-62)**
 - Following Jesus requires focus.

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