

MESSAGE NOTES

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MESSAGE SERIES: JESUS SAID WORDS IN RED WEEK THREE: "A CALL FOR DECISIVE FAITH"

"Don't imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword." MATTHEW 10:34, NLT

- Being a Christian will create _____ in our lives
- "If Christianity is really true it will be offending and correcting you somewhere." TIMOTHY KELLER

1. Jesus presents us with a _____

"Anyone who isn't with me opposes me, and anyone who isn't working with me is actually working against me."
MATTHEW 12:30, NLT

- Spiritual _____ is impossible
- We are either _____ following Jesus or we are working in opposition to Him

2. Following Jesus will _____ how we structure our lives

"I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. Your enemies will be right in your own household!" MATTHEW 10:35-36, NLT

- Jesus' "sword" is about _____
- We should _____ rejection and resistance when we make the decision to follow Jesus

3. An unwavering _____ to Jesus will often pit us against those who reject Jesus

"If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or

daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine." MATTHEW 10:37, NLT

"What Jesus is calling us to is ultimate allegiance. He is essentially saying, 'To be my disciple, you must give me preeminence over and (sometimes) against all other relationships.' In other words, our lives should be so submitted to Christ that when we put our allegiance to him side-by-side with other allegiances, the difference is so great that it could be described in the black-and-white terminology of love and hate." DR. STEPHEN UM

- Jesus wants our relationship with Him to be our highest _____
- Jesus wants our relationship with Him to serve as the _____ for all our relationships
- Jesus wants us to love Him _____

4. There is a _____ in following Jesus

"If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine. If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it."
MATTHEW 10:38-39, NLT

- There are _____ and there are _____
- The _____ is ours

5. Living under the lordship of Christ requires _____

"Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven." MATTHEW 10:32-33, NLT

- We have to make a _____
- We are either _____ or _____ Him