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# WEEKLY COMPASS

## FOLLOW ME

**Matthew 10:34-39** Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.



▶ *LESSON TITLE:* FEEDING TIME

▶ *UNIFYING TOPIC:* FOLLOW ME

▶ *SCRIPTURE:* JOHN 21:15-25

▶ *THOUGHT TO REMEMBER:* FEED THE FLOCK WHILE FOLLOWING THE SHEPHERD. (SLC)

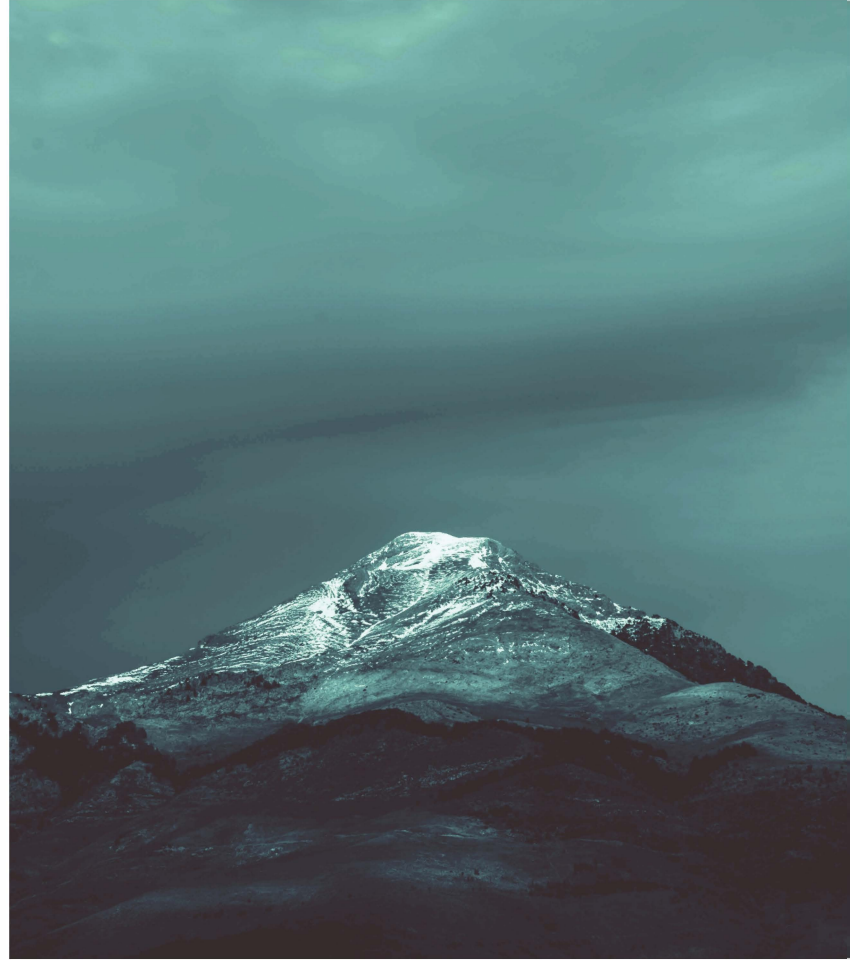
# TAKING DIRECTION

Time for a faith status check! Imagine that you are being tested on how much you are willing to give up to serve Christ. How do you think you would do? What would the type of service and amount of time you have offered look like?

In Matthew 10:34-39, Jesus makes it very clear that He did not come to bring "peace". Instead He came on a mission that He knew would cause everyone He encountered to make a decision: Live to please man or live to please God.

His message to the disciples is no different than for us today. Serving God may take us to new and uncomfortable places. It could have us spending time serving in ways that our family and friends may not understand or support. Likewise, in ways that we may not be able to imagine ourselves.

Now think again of the faith test and imagine that Jesus was the one administering the test. What if He told you that to follow Him you may have to choose to leave your family, job, and status in community?



Jesus is not interested in how we define what being a good Christian looks like. He will simply judge each of us on our willingness to deny the world and serve Him. When He calls how will you respond?

## Talking Points

- What was your last act of service to the Lord?

## Prayer

Father, Empower us, Lord, to follow him and to feed his flock, Amen.