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THE MATTHEW STUDY: WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW JESUS  
SERIES: DESIGNED TO HUMBLY SERVE  
PART 5 - "THE POWER OF COMMITMENT"  
Matthew 10:34-39

<sup>34</sup>Don't imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! No, I came to bring a sword. <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>Your enemies will be right in your own household! <sup>37</sup>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. <sup>38</sup>If you refuse to take up your cross and follow Me, you are not worthy of being Mine. <sup>39</sup>If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give it up for Me, you will find it."

To be committed to Jesus means you are bound to Him spiritually, intellectually, emotionally and physically for the purpose of advancing His Kingdom purposes.

To be a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ means you will have to make some difficult decisions in your life.

You will get to:

- I. **Expect** Jesus and His mission to bring **conflict**.  
Matthew 10:34; Matthew 11:2, 12, 14; 10:16-25

- II. **Embrace** the **truth** of Jesus even if it **costs** you your closest relationships. Matthew 10:35; Micah 7:6

- III. **Engage** fully in **loving** God over everyone else.  
Matthew 10:37; Luke 14:26-27

- IV. **Embark** on a life of **selfless** service.  
Matthew 10:38-39; 16:24-26; Mark 8:34-38