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To Maranatha Community Church





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**I WANT YOU
FOR U.S. ARMY**

NEAREST RECRUITING STATION

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The background of the image is a photograph of a calm body of water with several small, dark wooden boats. The sky is a pale, hazy blue, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative. The text is overlaid on this scene.

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THE
NOT-SO-SIMPLE TRUTH
ABOUT FOLLOWING
JESUS

If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters - yes, even their own life - such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:26-27

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A serene lake scene with two small wooden boats on the water under a clear blue sky. The boats are dark brown and appear to be traditional fishing or transport vessels. The water is calm and reflects the light from the sky. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and quiet.

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Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

Luke 9:23

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And He said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."

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while anyone who hates their life in this
world will keep it for eternal life.**

John 12:25

A serene seascape with two small wooden boats on the water under a vast, light blue sky. The water is calm and reflects the sky. The boats are simple, dark-colored wooden vessels. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

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**For to me, to live is Christ
and to die is gain.**

Philippians 1:21

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A serene seascape with two small wooden boats on the water under a vast, cloudy sky. The water is calm and reflects the light from the sky. The boats are simple, traditional wooden vessels. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, creating a peaceful and contemplative atmosphere.

For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

Luke 9:24-26



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**What good is it for someone to gain
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soul?**

Mark 8:36

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**He is no fool who gives what he
cannot keep to gain that which he
cannot lose.**

Jim Elliot

A photograph of two small wooden boats on a calm body of water under a clear blue sky. The boat in the foreground is on the left, and the one in the background is on the right. The water is still, and the sky is a pale, clear blue.

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Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

Luke 9:26

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**I tell you, whoever publicly
acknowledges me before others,
the Son of Man will also
acknowledge before the angels of
God. But whoever disowns me
before others will be disowned
before the angels of God.**

Luke 12:8-9

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If we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us.

2 Timothy 2:12

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But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars ... they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.

Revelation 21:8

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**"Lord, I am ready to go with you to
prison and to death."**

Luke 22:33

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**Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter,
before the rooster crows today, you
will deny three times that you know
me."**

Luke 22:34

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The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Luke 22:61-62

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"Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

John 21:5-6

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Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.

John 21:7

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**When they had finished eating,
Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon
son of John, do you love me more
than these?"**

**"Yes, Lord," he said,
"you know that I love you."
Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."**

John 21:15

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**The third time he said to him,
"Simon son of John, do you love
me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus
asked him the third time, "Do you
love me?" He said, "Lord, you know
all things; you know that I love
you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."**

John 21:17

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A serene lake scene with two wooden boats on the water under a clear blue sky. The boats are dark brown and appear to be traditional fishing boats. The water is calm and reflects the sky. The background shows a distant shoreline with some trees and hills under a bright, clear sky.



PEARL HARBOR

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