

Sermon Notes - Mt.8.16-22
January 24, 2021

I. THE WALL OF COMFORT vv.18–22

When Jesus decided to cross the lake, the issue of commitment emerges.

For a scribe to address Jesus as "Teacher" was significant.

He found Jesus appealing & wanted to be associated with Him.

"I will follow You wherever You go"

"Son of Man" was a term of His humiliation (used first in Da.7.13)

The Lord knew that the initial declared faith of many was shallow & superficial.

The Lord's words revealed that his true loyalty was only for comfort.

There is no thrill like the joy of knowing and following Christ, but ... _____

The Christian life is not adding Jesus but renouncing one's personal way of life for His - and being willing to pay whatever cost that may require.

II. THE WALL OF RICHES v.21

The second man assumed that his relationship to Jesus was all it should be.

He wanted to be associated with Jesus in name, but the focus of his life was not on serving the Lord.

The Christian's responsibility is not to follow the world but to be a witness to the world in Christ's name.

But Jesus knew the man's heart and that his motivation was weak and his loyalty divided.

Jesus makes clear that commitment to Him is total & unreserved or it is not commitment at all.
(Mt.10.34–38).

Jesus is not here talking about Christian service but about salvation. God will save no one who comes to Him with strings attached.

Belief in Jesus Christ is total identity with Him.

Coming to Jesus Christ is coming on His terms, not our own.

CONCLUSION:

Following Jesus must be a higher priority than...

- 1.) ...personal comfort.
- 2.) ...family obligations.

To partially believe is to not believe.
To be partially saved is to be lost