

Thought for the day by – Thursday 16th June 2022
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Discipleship

To be a true disciple of Christ requires total commitment. How many of us are prepared to follow Jesus without looking back or even having time to say goodbye to family and friends? Our Lord's call to his potential disciples to follow him, allows them no time to say goodbye at all. However, Elisha was allowed time to say goodbye to family and friends before joining Elijah as in (1 Kings 19 – 21).

We must each examine this cost of discipleship for ourselves. Those who stand up for their faith today will suffer and pay the price. Our secular society is becoming intolerant of many things, but we must be prepared to stand up for our faith and what we believe in.

To be a true disciple we must be willing to put the service of the Lord before every other call-in life. This should be the focus of every good disciple of Christ. The laity may feel that the call is not for them, but the call is for all of us, all believers, those who want to listen. Turning to Jesus may mean turning away from television and turning to prayer and reading the gospel or the Holy Book or picking up the phone and making Jesus known. Our calling is to spread the good news about Jesus as in (Luke 9. 2.). There is need for us to have a sense of urgency in doing God's work to fulfil Christ's mandate to spread the good news of the gospel. We cannot do it on our own, as we need the help of the Holy Spirit for guidance. Later, in Luke's gospel Jesus sends his disciples out in pairs and we were told that when they came back, they were rejoicing for their achievements. May our achievements meet with equal rejoicing.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father help us to continue to spread the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to all the corners of the world.
Amen.