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# FOLLOWING JESUS



# CHRISTIAN

First called Christians *Acts 11:26 (p 1268)*

3,000 Christians *Acts 2:41 (p 1255)*

5,000 Christians *Acts 4:4 (p 1256)*

Great multitude *Acts 17:4 (p 1276)*

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# CHRISTIAN

Found three times in Scripture

1. First called Christians
2. Almost persuade me
3. Suffer as a Christian

*Acts 11:26 (p 1268)*

*Acts 26:28 (p 1289)*

*1 Peter 4:16 (p 1394)*

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**Luke 9:23-26 (p 1193)**



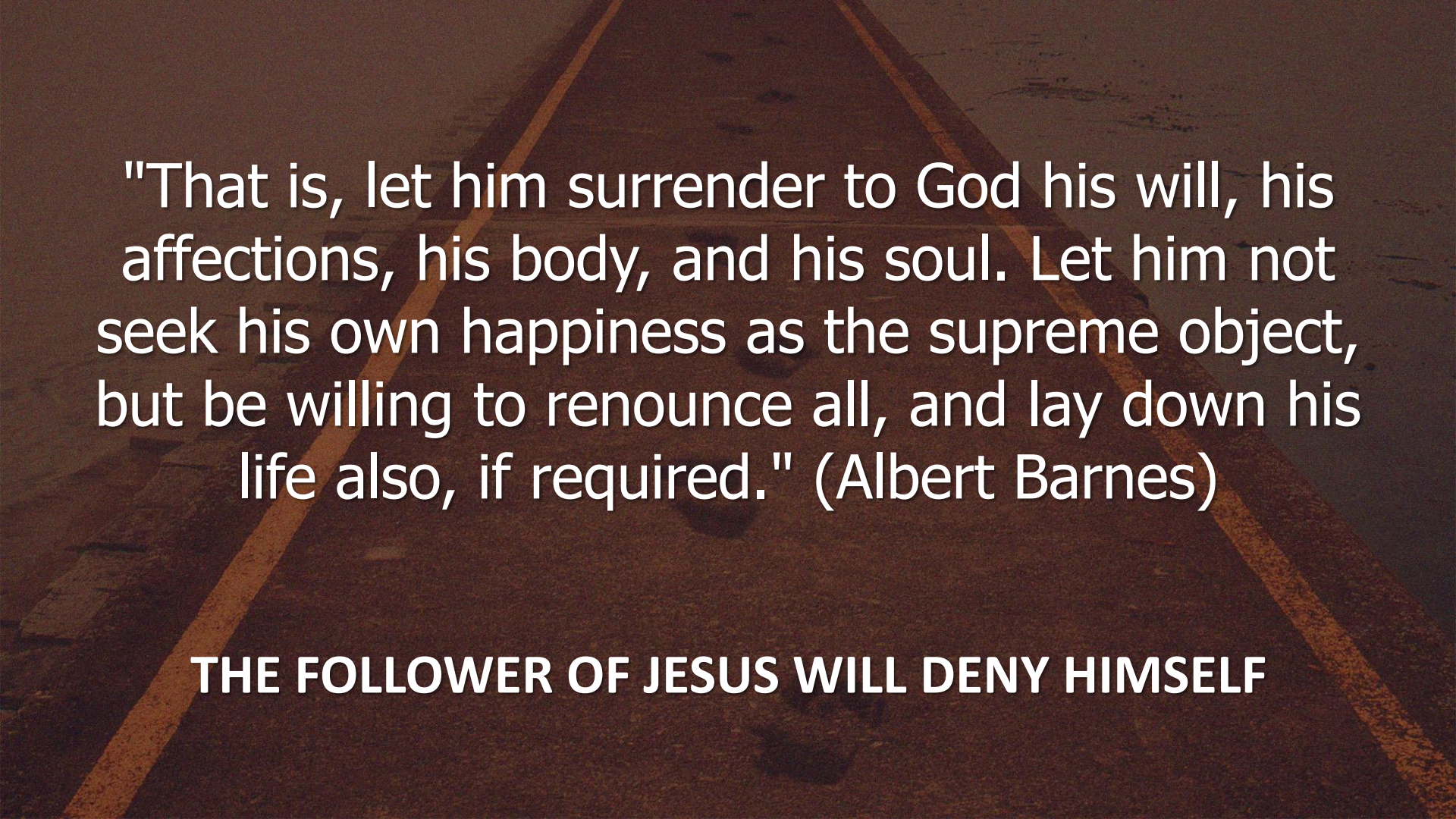


Greek word: "will to come"

Nature of the will – *Luke 14:26-27 (p 1203)*

**THE FOLLOWER OF JESUS IS THE ONE WHO DESIRES  
TO COME AFTER HIM**





"That is, let him surrender to God his will, his affections, his body, and his soul. Let him not seek his own happiness as the supreme object, but be willing to renounce all, and lay down his life also, if required." (Albert Barnes)

**THE FOLLOWER OF JESUS WILL DENY HIMSELF**





Deny signifies to  
LIE DOWN – DISOWN – WITHHOLD

Moses denied himself

*Hebrews 11:24-26 (p 1382)*

**THE FOLLOWER OF JESUS WILL DENY HIMSELF**





Crucifixion is under another's control.

Crucifixion is intense suffering.

Crucifixion is a man nailed to the cross and he will not come down alive.

**THE FOLLOWER OF JESUS IS WILLING TO TAKE UP A  
CROSS DAILY**





The rich young ruler – *Mark 10:21 (p 1165)*

The price is high – *Luke 14:33 (p 1203)*

**THE FOLLOWER OF JESUS IS WILLING TO TAKE UP A  
CROSS DAILY**





His direction is our direction.

His steps are our steps.

His words are our words.

**THE FOLLOWER OF JESUS WILL FOLLOW JESUS**





Follow in His steps – *1 Peter 2:18-24 (p 1392)*

Follow the Shepherd – *John 10:27 (p 1236)*

Everything to follow – *Luke 9:57-62 (p 1194)*

**THE FOLLOWER OF JESUS WILL FOLLOW JESUS**



The Cost of following Jesus is high

*Luke 9:24 (p 1193)*

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A long, straight road stretches into the distance, flanked by water. The road has two yellow lines running down its center. Several dark footprints are visible on the road surface, leading away from the viewer. The sky is a pale, hazy blue, and the water on either side is a deep blue. The overall atmosphere is serene and contemplative.



The Decision to Follow Jesus A Choice

*Luke 9:25 (p 1193)*

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The Faithfulness of Following Jesus is Demanding

*Luke 9:26 (p 1193)*

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A photograph of a forest path with sunlight filtering through the trees, overlaid with a teal text box containing the text "FOLLOW JESUS".

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