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Part 4-From Believer to Disciple

John 11:25-26

Plenty of people say they “believe” in Jesus, but what does it truly mean to “believe”?

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. John 11:25-26 NIV

- “pisteuo”—to be convinced of something, to give credence to, to **TRUST**.
- This verb occurs in 217 verses in the New Testament

This is more than head knowledge, more than a theological idea, more than a way of thinking—this is a way of **LIVING**.

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. James 2:19 NIV

Key Thought: a person who BELIEVES in Jesus will TRUST in Jesus with his or her LIFE and will FOLLOW His leadership every day. This is a DISCIPLE.

What does it mean to become a Disciple of Jesus?

1. We take on the **IDENTITY** of a true Christ-follower.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will find it. Matthew 16:24-25 NIV

2. We plug our lives into God’s **POWER SOURCES**.

*“But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose confidence is in Him.*

*⁸They will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.*

*It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.*

*It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit.” Jeremiah 17:17-18 NIV*

*Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and night.
³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers. Psalm 11-3 NIV*

3. We SURRENDER everything to Jesus so He can work THROUGH us rather than trying harder to work FOR Him.

What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. Philippians 3:8-9 NIV

I can do all this through Him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13 NIV

4. We BEAR FRUIT for Jesus.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. John 15:1-4 NIV

Final Thought-to become a DISCIPLE means that we have chosen to go “ALL IN” with Jesus.

Are you ready to go “all in” with Jesus?

What is holding you back?

Can others see Jesus living in you?

