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Luke 9:23-27

Swahili

Kisha akawaambia wote, “Ye yote anayetaka kunifuata ni lazima ajikane mwenyewe, achukue msalaba wake kila siku na anifuate. Kwa maana ye yote atakayekuyaponya maisha yake atayapoteza, lakini ye yote atakayepoteza maisha yake kwa ajili Yangu atayaokoa. Je, itamfaidia nini mtu kuupata ulimwengu wote, lakini akayapoteza maisha yake? Kama mtu ye yote akinionea aibu Mimi na maneno Yangu, Mwana wa Adamu atamwonea aibu mtu huyo atakapokuja katika utukufu Wake na katika utukufu wa Baba na wa malaika watakatifu. Amin, amin nawaambia, wako baadhi ya watu waliosimama hapa ambao hawataonja mauti mpaka watakapouona Ufalme wa Mungu.”

Zulu

Wayesethi kubo bonke: “Uma umuntu ethanda ukuza emva kwami, makazidele, athabathe isiphambano sakhe imihla ngemihla, angilandele. Ngokuba yilowo nalowo othanda ukusindisa ukuphila kwakhe uyakulahlekelwa yikho; kepha olahlekelwa ngukuphila kwakhe ngenxa yami uyakukusindisa. Ngokuba kuyakumsizani umuntu, uma ezuzile izwe lonke, yena uqobo alahleke nokuba alimale, na? Ngokuba yilowo nalowo onezinhloni ngami nangamazwi ami ngaye lo iNdodana yomuntu iyakuba nezinhloni, lapho iza ngenkazimulo yayo nekaYise neyazingelosi ezingcwele. Kepha nginitshela ngesiminya ukuthi bakhona abanye kwabemi lapha abangayikuzwa ngempela ukufa, baze babone umbuso kaNkulunkulu.”

Shona

Afrikaans

En Hy sê vir almal: As iemand agter My aan wil kom, moet hy homself verloën en sy kruis elke dag opneem en My volg.

Want elkeen wat sy lewe wil red, sal dit verloor; maar elkeen wat sy lewe om My ontwil verloor, hy sal dit red.

Wat baat dit 'n mens tog as hy die hele wêreld win, maar homself verloor of skade aandoen? Want elkeen wat hom skaam vir My en my woorde, vir hom sal die Seun van die mens Hom skaam wanneer Hy kom in sy heerlijkheid en dié van die Vader en van die heilige engele. Ek sê vir julle met waarheid: Daar

is sommige van die wat hier staan, wat die dood sekerlik nie sal smaak voordat hulle die koninkryk van God gesien het nie.

Sepedi

A botša bohle a re: “Ge motho a nyaka go ba molatedi wa ka, a ikone, a ikemišetše go tlo tlaišwa bjalo ka nna, mme a ntatele. Gobane yo a ipabalelago o tla lahlega; eupša yo a itatolago ka baka la ka o tla phelela sa ruri. Etse motho go tla mo holang go rua lefase lohle, ge yena mong a lahlega goba a otlwa go ya go ile? Ge motho a se na sebete sa go bolela gore ke yena morutiwa wa ka, goba a se bege tše ke di rutago batho, gona Morwamotho le yena a ka se be le sebete sa go bolela gore motho yoo ke morutiwa wa gagwe, mohla a etla ka letago la gagwe le la Tatagwe le la barongwa ba bakgethwa. Ruri, ke le botša gore go na le ba bangwe mo, ba ba ka se kego ba hwa ba se ba bona Modimo a buša.”

Sermon Summary:

What is a Christian?

A Christian is a follower of Christ.

But what does it mean to follow Christ?

In verse 23, Jesus describes three things we must do if we are going to come to Him. And really, he’s specifically helping us get an idea of what saving faith actually looks like.

- 1.) We must deny ourselves.**
- 2.) We must take up our cross.**
- 3.) And we must continually follow Him.**

And, when we really look at these commands, we see, they require extreme commitment, and as a result, someone might wonder, why we would ever do this? So in verse 24 and 25, Jesus gives us three principles that puts this command into perspective.

- 1.) Our eternal future depends on our relationship with Christ.**
- 2.) We can’t have a relationship with Jesus if we aren’t willing to follow Him.**
- 3.) And, having this eternal future with Christ is more valuable than having everything in the entire world right now.**

And in case, any of us are still delaying to make a decision, in verses 26 and 27, Jesus gives a very personal warning and encouragement to help us obey His command.

Questions:

1. Read Luke 9:23-27 out loud.
2. What stood out to you from reading this passage?
3. What connection do verses 23-27 have with verses 21 and 22?
4. What does it mean to deny yourself? To take up your cross daily? And to follow Jesus?
5. What is the connection between these commands and saving faith?
6. Can anyone be a Christian without being willing to do what Jesus says here?
7. How is this different from the “gospel” that many people are preaching? How might what Jesus is saying here impact the way that you share the gospel with others?
8. In what ways do you struggle with denying yourself or taking up your cross?
9. How important is being willing to do this according to verse 24? What will happen in other words, if we refuse to obey Jesus?
10. Why is that such a foolish decision, according to verse 25?
11. What does it mean to be ashamed of Jesus? What will happen to those who are ashamed of Jesus now?
13. Jesus gave the disciples a specific encouragement to obey in verses 27-36. What was that encouragement? Now read 2 Peter 1:16-21. What encouragement do you have to obey this command of Jesus?
14. How did this study challenge or encourage you?