

ACTS 19



MAIN POINTS

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THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS FOLLOWING JESUS WITHOUT SACRIFICING SOMETHING IN YOUR OWN LIFE

WHEN YOUR RESPONSE TO THE CALL OF FOLLOWING JESUS IS NO, IT REVEALS WHAT YOU VALUE THE MOST IN YOUR OWN LIFE.

THE REASON YOU ARE SAYING NO REVEALS WHAT YOU CAN'T LET GO OF TO PURSUE A LIFE OF FOLLOWING JESUS.

THOSE THAT TRULY GIVE UP THEIR LIFE FOR CHRIST UNDERSTAND THEIR REWARD IS WORTH THE SACRIFICE.



ACTS 19:8-10 NLT
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REJECTING TRUTH LEADS TO A HARDENED HEART

**STUBBORN: THE GREEK WORD
ALWAYS REFERS TO DEFIANCE
AGAINST GOD**



ACTS 19:11-14 NLT
GOD GAVE PAUL THE POWER TO PERFORM UNUSUAL MIRACLES. [12] WHEN HANDKERCHIEFS OR APRONS THAT HAD MERELY TOUCHED HIS SKIN WERE PLACED ON SICK PEOPLE, THEY WERE HEALED OF THEIR DISEASES, AND EVIL SPIRITS WERE EXPELLED. [13] A GROUP OF JEWS WAS TRAVELING FROM TOWN TO TOWN CASTING OUT EVIL SPIRITS. THEY TRIED TO USE THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS IN THEIR INCANTATION, SAYING, "I COMMAND YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WHOM PAUL PREACHES, TO COME OUT!" [14] SEVEN SONS OF SCEVA, A LEADING PRIEST, WERE DOING THIS.



ACTS 19:15-16 NLT

BUT ONE TIME WHEN THEY TRIED IT, THE EVIL SPIRIT REPLIED, "I KNOW JESUS, AND I KNOW PAUL, BUT WHO ARE YOU?" [16] THEN THE MAN WITH THE EVIL SPIRIT LEAPED ON THEM, OVERPOWERED THEM, AND ATTACKED THEM WITH SUCH VIOLENCE THAT THEY FLED FROM THE HOUSE, NAKED AND BATTERED.



ACTS 19:17-20 NLT

THE STORY OF WHAT HAPPENED SPREAD QUICKLY ALL THROUGH EPHESUS, TO JEWS AND GREEKS ALIKE. A SOLEMN FEAR DESCENDED ON THE CITY, AND THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS WAS GREATLY HONORED.

[18] MANY WHO BECAME BELIEVERS CONFESSED THEIR SINFUL PRACTICES.

[19] A NUMBER OF THEM WHO HAD BEEN PRACTICING SORCERY BROUGHT THEIR INCANTATION BOOKS AND BURNED THEM AT A PUBLIC BONFIRE. THE VALUE OF THE BOOKS WAS SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS. [20] SO THE MESSAGE ABOUT THE LORD SPREAD WIDELY AND HAD A POWERFUL EFFECT.



**THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS
FOLLOWING JESUS WITHOUT
SACRIFICING SOMETHING IN
YOUR OWN LIFE.**

*SACRIFICE: GIVE UP, DESTROY
IN A SACRIFICE SOMETHING HAS TO DIE.*



LUKE 14:26 CSB
**"IF ANYONE COMES TO ME AND
DOES NOT HATE HIS OWN
FATHER AND MOTHER, WIFE AND
CHILDREN, BROTHERS AND
SISTERS-YES, AND EVEN HIS
OWN LIFE-HE CANNOT BE MY
DISCIPLE.**



MATTHEW 10:37 ESV
WHOEVER LOVES FATHER OR
MOTHER MORE THAN ME IS NOT
WORTHY OF ME, AND WHOEVER
LOVES SON OR DAUGHTER MORE
THAN ME IS NOT WORTHY OF ME.



LUKE 14:27-30 CSB
WHOEVER DOES NOT BEAR HIS OWN CROSS AND COME AFTER ME CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE. [28] "FOR WHICH OF YOU, WANTING TO BUILD A TOWER, DOESN'T FIRST SIT DOWN AND CALCULATE THE COST TO SEE IF HE HAS ENOUGH TO COMPLETE IT? [29] OTHERWISE, AFTER HE HAS LAID THE FOUNDATION AND CANNOT FINISH IT, ALL THE ONLOOKERS WILL BEGIN TO RIDICULE HIM, [30] SAYING, 'THIS MAN STARTED TO BUILD AND WASN'T ABLE TO FINISH.'



LUKE 14:31-33 CSB

"OR WHAT KING, GOING TO WAR AGAINST ANOTHER KING, WILL NOT FIRST SIT DOWN AND DECIDE IF HE IS ABLE WITH TEN THOUSAND TO OPPOSE THE ONE WHO COMES AGAINST HIM WITH TWENTY THOUSAND? [32] IF NOT, WHILE THE OTHER IS STILL FAR OFF, HE SENDS A DELEGATION AND ASKS FOR TERMS OF PEACE.



**[33] IN THE SAME WAY, THEREFORE,
EVERY ONE OF YOU WHO DOES NOT
RENOUNCE ALL HIS POSSESSIONS
CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE.**



**SAYING YES TO FOLLOWING
JESUS REQUIRES YOU TO
RENOUNCE THE CURRENT YOU
& REPLACE IT WITH A NEW YOU.**

*RENOUNCE: TO CAST OFF OR REJECT
DELIBERATELY; TO DISOWN; TO DISMISS*

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CALL OF FOLLOWING JESUS IS NO,
IT REVEALS WHAT YOU VALUE THE
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**THE REASON YOU ARE SAYING NO
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**THOSE THAT TRULY GIVE UP
THEIR LIFE FOR CHRIST
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**HEBREWS 11:24-26 CSB
BY FAITH MOSES, WHEN HE HAD
GROWN UP, REFUSED TO BE
CALLED THE SON OF PHARAOH'S
DAUGHTER [25] AND CHOSE TO
SUFFER WITH THE PEOPLE OF GOD
RATHER THAN TO ENJOY THE
FLEETING PLEASURE OF SIN.**

**[26] FOR HE CONSIDERED
REPROACH FOR THE SAKE OF
CHRIST TO BE GREATER WEALTH
THAN THE TREASURES OF EGYPT,
SINCE HE WAS LOOKING AHEAD TO
THE REWARD.**



ACTS 19:23-27 NLT
ABOUT THAT TIME, SERIOUS TROUBLE DEVELOPED IN EPHESUS CONCERNING THE WAY. [24] IT BEGAN WITH DEMETRIUS, A SILVERSMITH WHO HAD A LARGE BUSINESS MANUFACTURING SILVER SHRINES OF THE GREEK GODDESS ARTEMIS. HE KEPT MANY CRAFTSMEN BUSY. [25] HE CALLED THEM TOGETHER, ALONG WITH OTHERS EMPLOYED IN SIMILAR TRADES, AND ADDRESSED THEM AS FOLLOWS:



"GENTLEMEN, YOU KNOW THAT OUR WEALTH COMES FROM THIS BUSINESS. [26] BUT AS YOU HAVE SEEN AND HEARD, THIS MAN PAUL HAS PERSUADED MANY PEOPLE THAT HANDMADE GODS AREN'T REALLY GODS AT ALL. AND HE'S DONE THIS NOT ONLY HERE IN EPHEBUS BUT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PROVINCE! [27] OF COURSE, I'M NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT THE LOSS OF PUBLIC RESPECT FOR OUR BUSINESS. I'M ALSO CONCERNED THAT THE TEMPLE OF THE GREAT GODDESS ARTEMIS WILL LOSE ITS INFLUENCE AND THAT ARTEMIS-THIS MAGNIFICENT GODDESS WORSHIPED THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE OF ASIA AND ALL AROUND THE WORLD-WILL BE ROBBED OF HER GREAT PRESTIGE!"



ACTS 19 DISCUSSION

Q. WHAT STOOD OUT TO YOU, CONVICTED YOU, OR CHALLENGED YOU FROM THE MESSAGE OR PASSAGES?

Q. WHY DOES FOLLOWING JESUS REQUIRE SACRIFICE?

Q. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO RENOUNCE YOUR LIFE?

Q. WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES IN THE SCRIPTURE WE COVERED OF PEOPLE PARTING WAYS WITH THEIR CURRENT/OLD LIFE? (VS 18-19)

Q. WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE NOT BEING WILLING TO LET GO OF THEIR CURRENT LIFE? (VS 23-27)



PERSONAL DISCUSSION

Q. IF YOU STILL AREN'T A JESUS FOLLOWER, WHAT IS HOLDING YOU BACK?

THE REASON YOU ARE SAYING NO REVEALS WHAT YOU CAN'T LET GO OF

Q. IF YOU HAVE SAID YES TO FOLLOWING JESUS, WHAT ARE SOME AREAS IN YOUR LIFE YOU HAVE HAD TO RENOUNCE?

Q. IN WHAT WAYS HAVE YOU HAD TO SACRIFICE WHEN IT COMES TO FOLLOWING CHRIST? WHAT HAS IT COST YOU ALONG THE WAY?

Q. WHAT ARE SOME REASONS TODAY PEOPLE WON'T SAY YES TO FOLLOWING JESUS?

Q. WHY IS IT WORTH IT TO SACRIFICE OUR LIFE TO GET JESUS IN RETURN?

