

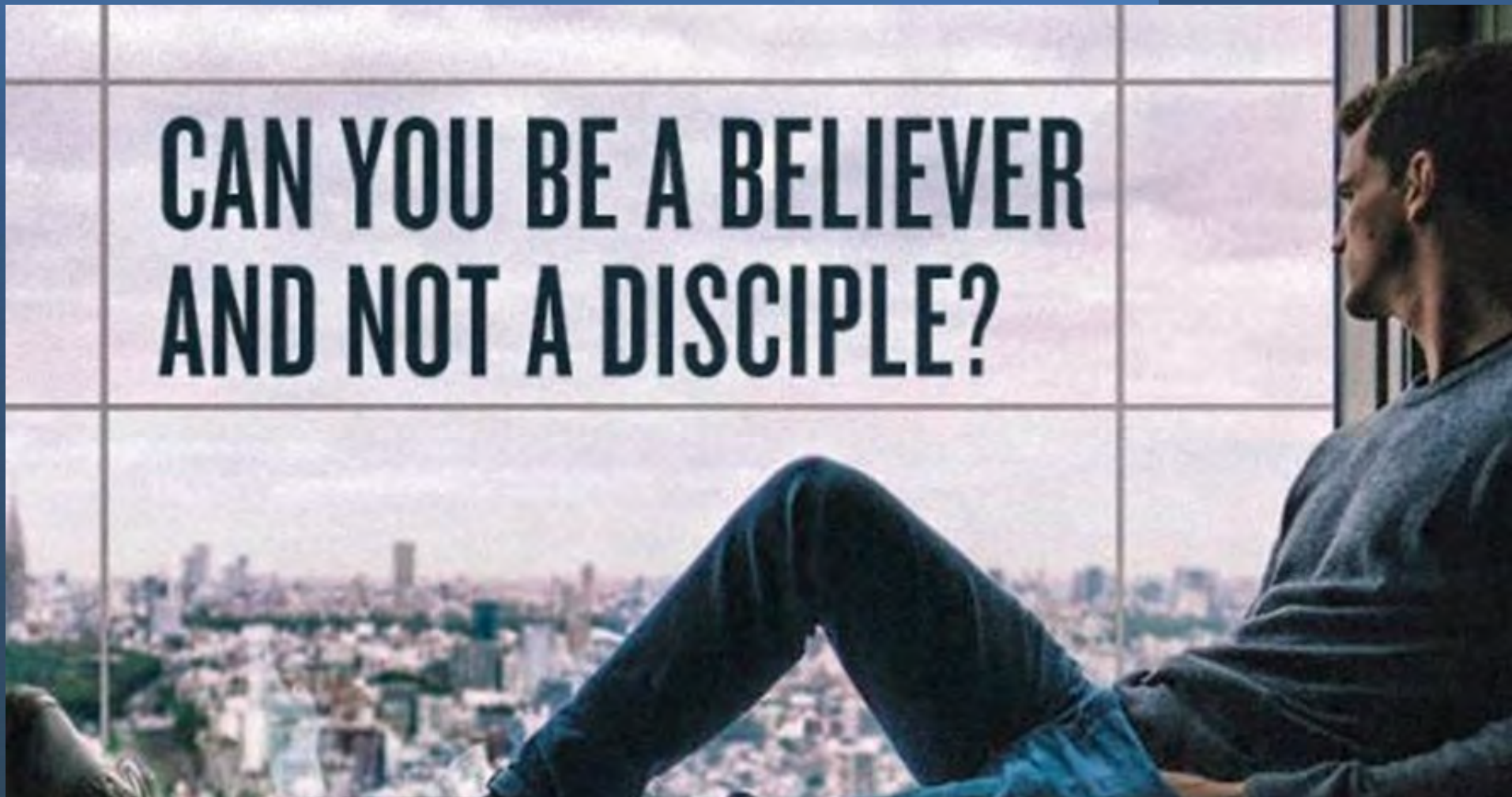
“Disciples of Christ”
Matthew 8: 18-27

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What is a disciple?

***“Mathetes”* = a learner, a pupil;
one who accepts instruction
and makes it their rule of
conduct**

**CAN YOU BE A BELIEVER
AND NOT A DISCIPLE?**



Question #1:

Are all believers' disciples?

Matthew 4: 19

Matthew 16: 24

The Truth:

Not all believers are disciples; most are not disciplined to learn

Most believers are baby bird Christians

**Baby bird Christians
thrive on teachings
that are all about them**





**BECOME A
BETTER YOU**

Question #2:

Are all disciples' believers?

Many disciples followed Jesus, but most abandoned Him.

They did not count the cost!

**SALVATION IS FREE,
BUT DISCIPLESHIP
COSTS EVERYTHING
WE HAVE.**

- BILLY GRAHAM

*In **John 6**, the masses following Jesus came for the show, the excitement*

IT'S

HAPPENING!

EVENTS

Jesus tells the show watchers, *if you want to follow Me, receive Me, take Me in* - **John 6: 53**

Jesus wants to be their Savior, not their entertainer

The result: John 6: 66

“From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more”

A person can be a disciple, a learner, *for a time* and not be genuine!

SUMMARY:

Are all believers' disciples?

NO

Are all disciples' believers?

NO

True disciples will not bolt; they will not turn away! 1 John 2: 19

Verse 18 - 22

To the well meaning: *Count the cost!*

EXAMPLE #1:

The well-meaning scribe – *the intellectual*

A scribe was an expert in the Law; he was educated, an intellectual, the elite in his world

“Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go”

Jesus sees through the “God talk” and “Jesus speak” (*religious jargon*)

The scribe is being informed that the true “*disciple life*” is radically different than what he is used to

The message is clear – *COUNT THE COST* – *it will cost you to follow Jesus!*

It will cost you the comforts of life - your desires, your will, your plans!

All of life is placed at the Master’s feet; *thy will be done* is true disciple thinking!

This is hard, you can see, this is not the American Christian way!

The baby bird Christian will never be able to do this!!

EXAMPLE #2:

The well-meaning family man

This guy sounds great, I will follow You, Jesus,
BUT *“Let me first go and bury my father”*

This is a *wait-Jesus* move – wait until I get my inheritance

Wait until I get all my ducks in order – *they will never be in order!!*

This is putting Jesus off for my will, my way;
covered in “Jesus speak”

The true disciple will count the cost –
it will cost you to follow Jesus!

Not popular for sure!

In doing what God wants is where you will find
your place,
your purpose,
your value,
your joy,
Your LIFE!!

Verse 23 - 27

Know this: *The disciple's faith
will be tested*

Christ's disciples must have time to refuel, get rested and be rejuvenated!

Jesus took time!

You never know when the storm will hit, and your faith will be tested!





HUGE STORM – a **tempest** = “*seismos*” = denotes
a shaking, a shock, an
earthquake

HUGE TEST – the boat is covered with waves

HUGE PANIC – “*We are perishing!*”

Trigger Stimulus
(Internal or external)



Perceived Threat

Apprehension

Body Sensations

Interpretation of
Sensations as
Catastrophic

HUGE REBUKE – *“Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?”*

HUGE RESCUE – *“Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the seas, and there was a great calm.”*

HUGE AMAZEMENT – *“And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, “Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!”* – Mark 4: 41

How about you?

Do you realize who Jesus is in your storm, your chaos, your panic moment?

The more you dwell in Christ, the more you will hear the Master whisper –

“Peace, be still”

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Disciples of Christ: You have eyes to see what most do not see – *a changing world!*

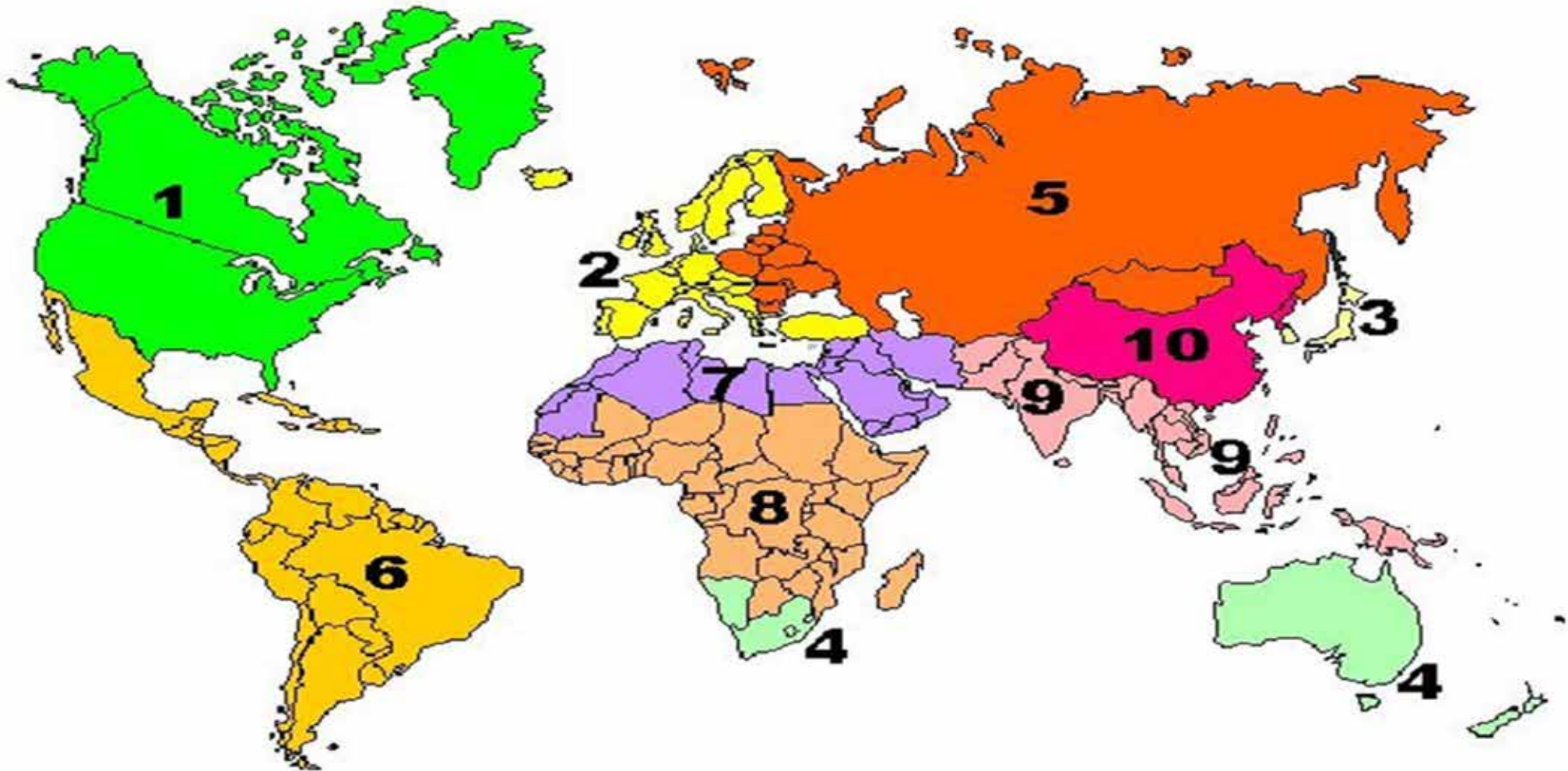
Expectations for true disciples of Christ:

Do not fold under the pressure to conform

Do not fold under the chaos that is being introduced into your life

Do not fold in panic moments, there are plenty! – Proverbs 24: 10

GLOBALIST PRIORITIES: One world government



Top 10 Global Risks by Severity

Over the next 10 years



■ Economic ■ Environmental ■ Geopolitical ■ Societal ■ Technological

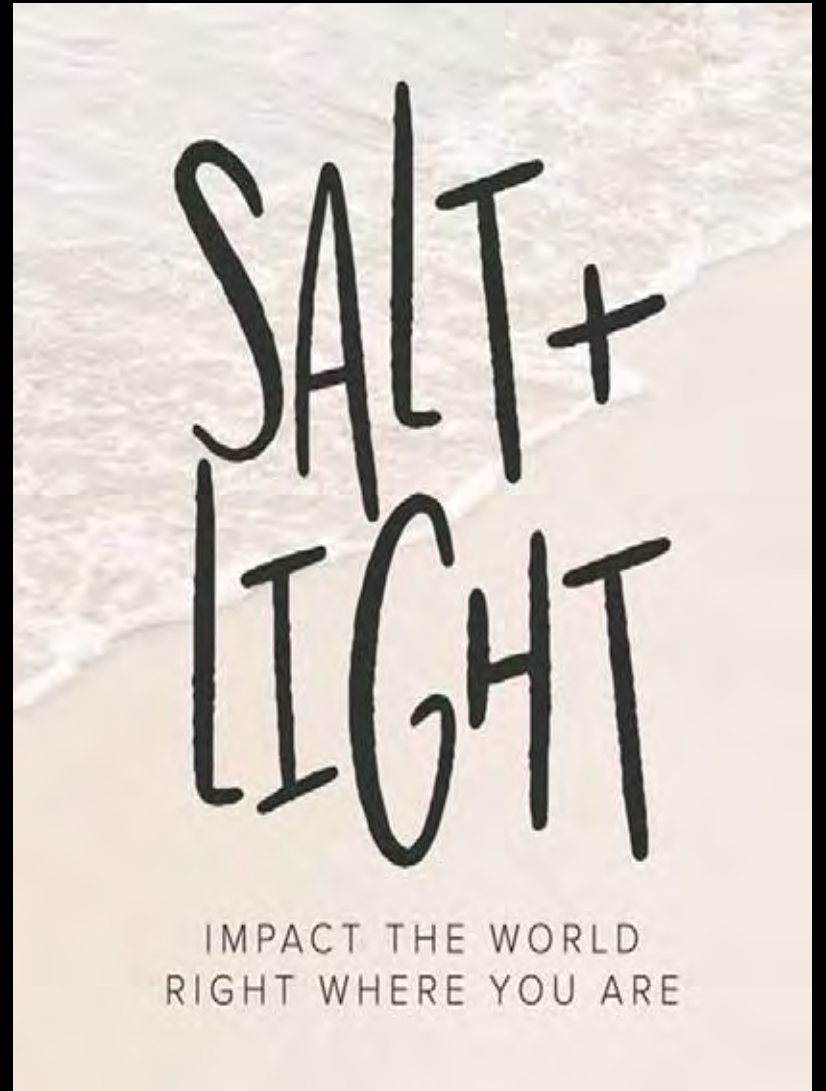
Source: World Economic Forum Global Risks Report 2022

NO MENTION OF THE TRUE GOD – *NONE!*

THE TRUE DISCIPLES' MARCHING ORDERS:

- 1) Stay close to Christ – your highest priority!
DO NOT FEAR!
- 2) Resist the pull of the world (*to be like the world*)
- 3) It is okay to be weird – ***“we are strangers and pilgrims on the earth”*** – Hebrews 11: 13
- 4) Stay close to one another; you may feel alone, but you are not!
There are many ***“weird”*** just like you

BEING CALLED
"weird"
IS OF SMALL
consequence
WHEN YOU
are
CHANGING
the world



The world wants you
to step back, to
shrink back –
not you,
disciple of Christ!

**BUT WE DO NOT BELONG
TO THOSE WHO SHRINK BACK
AND ARE DESTROYED
BUT TO THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH
AND ARE SAVED**

Hebrews 10:39 NIV



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True Disciples of Christ

*That the world may know that
you have been with JESUS!*

EMPOWERED BY THE KING!!