

THE TRUST FALL

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1. It is impossible for us to **break** the **law**. We can only **break** ourselves against the **law**.
-Cecil B. DeMille
2. Following Christ is an **all-in** decision. Eph 5:25-33
3. Life is not an **abstract concept**, it is a **person**. Jn 6:63; 14:6
4. "Keeping in step" implies a **submission, surrendering** and **syncing** of your **pace, plans**, and **paths**. Gal 5:25
5. Are you going to play it **safe**, or are you going to play to **win**?
Matt 25:14-30;
Acts 14:8-15;
Js 5:16a-17;
I Cor 9:24
6. Christianity has not been **tried** and found **wanting**; it has been found **difficult** and not **tried**.
What's Wrong with the World; GK Chesterton

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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DISCUSSION:

1. Matthew 10:39 addresses temporal self-indulgent life compared to Christ-focused eternal life. What are some things that have interfered with your daily devotion to following Christ? How about now?
2. In Luke 9:23-24, Jesus says His followers "must deny themselves and take up their cross daily." What does this look like? Share a way you have consistently done this
3. Read Galatians 2:20. What does it mean that you "have been" crucified with Christ? How does your life demonstrate Christ is living in you?
4. Read the parable of the talents (about 15 years' wages), Matthew 25:14-30. What does this parable say about how you should live your life? What happened to the servant who did not invest the one talent he was given? What does this say about the professing Christian whose life shows no evidence of change toward Christlikeness?
5. What in your life right now is a potential threat to you receiving the "well done" from God on the Last Day?

APPLICATION::

1. Share an idea of how you can better invest what the Lord has given you, e.g., your skills, personality, and resources, and how you can carry that out in the coming weeks.
2. Identify and prioritize three things in your life that involve a decision and a death to self. Pick one to submit in prayer to the Lord and put it into action.