

# sermon notes:

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## UNO OR MONOPOLY?

7<sup>th</sup> in a Series Called, "What Did He Say?" - Topic: Following Jesus

**Passage: Matthew 8:18-22** – Now when Jesus saw a crowd around Him, He gave orders to depart to the other side of *the* sea. <sup>19</sup> Then a scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go." <sup>20</sup> Jesus \*said to him, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have birds' nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." <sup>21</sup> Another of the disciples said to Him, "Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father." <sup>22</sup> But Jesus \*said to him, "Follow Me, and allow the dead to bury their own dead."

### A Volunteer Had Big Goals

### A Volunteer Had Family Commitments

## Implications

**The Natural Current of Life Will Lead Us to Compromise - Matthew 28:19** - Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit... **Exodus 20:12** - "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you. **2 Timothy 4:13** - When you come bring the cloak which I left at Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments. **2 Timothy 4:10** - for Demas, having loved this present [a]world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to [b]Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. **James 4:4** - You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. **Luke 16:15** - And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves [a]in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God.

**Jesus Calls Us to a Relentless Commitment to Him - Luke 14:26** - "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. **Genesis 29:31** - Now the LORD saw that Leah was [a]unloved, and He opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. **Malachi 1:2-3** - "I have loved you," says the LORD. But you say, "How have You loved us?" "Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the LORD. "Yet I have loved Jacob; <sup>3</sup>but I have hated Esau, and I have made his mountains a desolation and appointed his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness."