



Being the Guide: Clarity Is a Must-Have



Luke 14: 25-27 (NIV)

25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: 26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he CANNOT be my disciple. 27

And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”

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John 14:23-24 (NIV)

***23 “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching.
... 24 He who does not love me will not obey my
teaching. These words you hear are not my own;
they belong to the Father who sent me.”***

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A hiker with a backpack is walking on a rocky peak. The background is a cloudy sky and a green landscape.

1 Timothy 3:2 (NIV)

² Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable . . .

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CLARIFYING THE FUNDAMENTALS

- **The character of our Father**

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*“What comes into our minds when we think about God is **the most important thing about us**. . . . For this reason, the gravest question before the Church is always God Himself, and the most portentous fact about any man is not what he at a given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like.”*

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Tozer, Knowledge of the Holy, 1

A hiker with a backpack is standing on a rocky peak, looking out over a landscape of rolling hills under a cloudy sky. The hiker is wearing a red jacket and dark pants.

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Ephesians 1:17

¹⁷ **I keep asking** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, **SO THAT** you may know him better.

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Colossians 1:13

¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves . . .

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A hiker in a red jacket and blue pants with a backpack is walking on a rocky peak. The background is a vast landscape with rolling green hills and a sky filled with large, white, fluffy clouds.

CLARIFYING THE FUNDAMENTALS

- The character of our Father
- The cross, salvation, and **repentance**
- The cruciform identity of the believer

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A hiker with a backpack is standing on a rocky peak, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape under a cloudy sky. The hiker is wearing a red jacket and dark pants. The background shows rolling hills and a distant horizon.

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Galatians 4:19

*¹⁹ My children—I am again **undergoing birth pains** until Christ is **formed in you!***

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- The character of our Father
- The cross, salvation, and **repentance**
- The cruciform identity of the believer
- The battles we must fight
- The mission we must join
- The grit to follow through

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