

**June 17 | Sunday**

Involvement vs Commitment

Read [Luke 9:57-62](#)



**18 | Mon – Costly** | Read [Luke 9:23](#)

A true commitment will cost you something. If you decide to get married, you give up dating other people. When you have a child, you will lose sleep and much of your discretionary time. But in both cases, the rewards so far outweigh the sacrifices that you gladly make them. Jesus was clear that following him was not a decision to be made lightly. What has it cost you to be a committed follower of Jesus?

**19 | Tue – The ultimate commitment** | Read [Matthew 6:24a](#) / [Joshua 24:14-15](#)

Jesus was so committed to you that he laid down his life in your place. His words in Matthew 6:24 state a clear reality. You cannot serve two 'masters.' You will either live an autonomous life (independent, self-governing) or 'lose' your life in being fully committed to Jesus. Dabbling in religion will not be enough for him. Jesus loves you too much. The choice is yours - what will you do?

**20 | Wed – Character revealed** | Read [Acts 6:1-15](#) and [7:1-2, 52-60](#)

The first mention of Stephen was when he was asked to join the food ministry of the early church. Notice the characteristics they were looking for in 6:3. The writer goes on to describe how Stephen's faithful commitment to Jesus grew into even greater ministry. He was so filled with the Holy Spirit, no one could stand up against him. Even when threatened with death, Stephen did not back down. What motivated him to such boldness?

**21 | Thu – Choose your cause wisely** | Read [Acts 8:1-3](#) and [9:1-19](#) and [20:17-24](#)

Have you seen anyone utterly committed to an erroneous belief? Saul was so committed to stamping out the 'false' religion about Jesus which the early Christians were teaching that he requested and received authority to put those who would not recant into prison where they could be put to death for blasphemy. What changed him? How did a new allegiance impact his life? Where would you be today if Saul/Paul had only been *involved* with Jesus instead of being completely committed? Your commitment is just as important to God.

**22 | Fri – Remember *who* you are dealing with** | Read [Acts 8:9-25](#)

Simon was a sorcerer in Samaria, famous for his demonstrations of supernatural power. Yet when Philip came preaching about Jesus, many people professed to believe in Him, including Simon. Was he truly committed or just involved in the new church? Read what happened in verse 18 to see for yourself. Is it possible to believe in Jesus and still have wrong motives for following him? If the Holy Spirit or other believers challenge you about your commitment, would you respond like Simon?

**23 | Sat – When you fail** | Read [Acts 12:12, 25](#) and [13:13](#) and [15:36-39](#)

Have you ever made a commitment and then changed your mind, saying 'yes' one moment and then 'no' the next? How can God use someone who keeps ditching their commitments? Read Mark's story in Acts. Then read Paul's later assessment of him in 2 Timothy 4:11. How interesting that God chose Mark to be one of four writers to put Jesus' story in print. (Some scholars maintain that he was the young man who ran away in Mark 14:51-52.) Yes, God can use you as well, even if you have failed Him in the past. Do you believe this?