

SOLD OUT

Dear Friends:

Perhaps you have heard the famous (true) story about how Steve Jobs was recruited to work for Apple. In 1983, John Sculley, then a top executive with the upstart company called Apple, approached Steve Jobs with an offer to come to work at Apple. Jobs was working for Pepsi at the time and resisted Sculley's offer to lead Apple. Sculley looked straight at Jobs and said, "Do you want to sell sugar water the rest of your life or come with me and change the world?". Jobs took the job. Steve Jobs, John Sculley, and Apple changed the technology world for sure. Jobs and Sculley gave everything, they "sold-out" to change the world.

Jesus calls all of those who want to follow him to be "sold-out" for him. In Luke 9:57-62 Jesus tells a crowd of listeners a parable about the cost of following him. In 3 short sentences I can sum-up the teaching of Jesus through the parable. First, Jesus says: No Possession Is More Important Than Following Him. Jesus' statement meant: "If you follow me, you won't even have a place to lay your head". Next, Jesus says: "No obligation is more important than following me". A man came to Jesus and said: "I will follow you after I bury my dad". The catch here: the man's dad wasn't dead yet. Next Jesus says: "No relationship is more important than following me". This was in response to the man who wanted to follow Jesus as long as he could go back and say good-bye to his family. Sounds like a normal request, right? The problem is family good-byes could take weeks and Jesus couldn't wait around for weeks.

Jesus wants those who follow him to be "sold-out" to him. Seek first the Kingdom of God, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him. It does not profit a person to gain the world yet forfeit their soul. Are you sold out to Jesus? I don't know about you, but I have to work on it day by day. May God help us both.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayer: Cami Montoya (Cancer surgery recovery), Pastor Michael Mowange of Uganda (visiting here now), Callie Pruett (pregnancy concerns).

Praise: A great Franklin Food Pantry Fill'er Up Sunday last week!

Events: Friday, May 26 – 6:45am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Tim Horton's on Fodor Rd. (next to the Wendy's)