

To believe in
something,
and not to
live it, is
dishonest.

Mohandas K. Gandhi

Christianity is not a collection of truths to be believed, of laws to be obeyed.

Christianity is a person, one who loved us so much, one who calls for our love. Christianity is Christ.

Oscar Romero

Every act
leaves upon
the world a
greater or
lesser impress
of God.

Alfred North Whitehead

Don't ask what the
world needs. Ask
what makes you
come alive and go
out and do it.
Because what the
world needs is
people who have
come alive.

Howard Thurman

In the end, it is
important to
remember that
we cannot
become what we
need to be by
remaining what
we are.

Max De Pree

Whatever
you do,
begin
with God.

Matthew Henry

My life helps
to paint my
neighbour's
picture of
God.

Peter Holmes

For many of us the
great danger is not
that we will renounce
our faith. It is that we
will become so
distracted and rushed
and preoccupied that
we will settle for a
mediocre version of it.

John Ortberg

I do not pray
for success;
I ask for
faithfulness.

Mother Teresa

My hope is that the
description of God's
love in my life will
give you the
freedom and the
courage to discover
... God's love in
yours.

Henri Nouwen

This is my living faith, an active
faith, a faith of verbs: to
question, explore, experiment,
experience, walk, run, dance,
play, eat, love, learn, dare, taste,
touch, smell, listen, argue, speak,
write, read, draw, provoke,
emote, scream, sin, repent, cry,
kneel, pray, bow, rise, stand,
look, laugh, cajole, create,
confront, confound, walk back,
walk forward, circle, hide, and
seek. To seek: to embrace the
questions, be wary of answers.

Terry Tempest Williams

Some tell us that following Jesus is a simple matter of inviting him into our hearts. But when we do that, Jesus always asks, “May I bring my friends?” And when we look at them, we see that they are not the kind of company we like to keep. The friends of Jesus are the outcasts, the marginalized, the poor, the homeless, the rejected — the lepers of life.

We hesitate and ask, “Jesus, must we really have them too?” Jesus replies, “Love me, love my friends!”

Peter Storey

Being a Christian is not about us; it's about Jesus. Spiritual formation is about the life of Jesus being made visible in our bodies; it's about engaging the Spirit because we are hungry for God; it's about being disciples so that Jesus can pour his life into us. It's about learning to love God with our heart, mind, body, and soul. It's about having the courage to actually follow Christ — to place one foot in front of the other, to dare to live a life of grace.

Derek Maul

To be a witness for God is to be a living sign of God's presence in the world. What we live is more important than what we say, because the right way of living always leads to the right way of speaking. When we forgive our neighbours from our hearts, our hearts will speak forgiving words. When we are grateful, we will speak grateful words, and when we are hopeful and joyful, we will speak hopeful and joyful words.

Henri Nouwen

Someone once said that a rebel attempts to change the past; a revolutionary attempts to change the future. Jesus Christ brought drastic change to the world. Change to humanity's view of God. Change to God's view of humankind. Change to men's view of women. Our Lord came to bring radical change to the old order of things, replacing it with a new order. He came to bring forth a new covenant-a new kingdom-a new birth-a new race-a new species-a new culture-and a new civilization.

Frank Viola

To endure the
cross is not
tragedy; it is the
suffering which
is the fruit of an
exclusive
allegiance to
Jesus Christ.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

We must learn to
regard people
less in light of
what they do or
omit to do, and
more in the light
of what they
suffer.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Discipleship is not limited to what you can comprehend - it must transcend all comprehension. Plunge into the deep waters beyond your own comprehension, and I will help you to comprehend even as I do. Bewilderment is the true comprehension. Not to know where you are going is the true knowledge. My comprehension transcends yours. Thus Abraham went forth from his father and not knowing whither he went. He trusted himself to my knowledge, and cared not for his own, and thus he took the right road and came to his journey's end. Behold, that is the way of the cross.

Martin Luther

Discipleship is the ongoing, lifelong process of discerning and living out God's call to be the person God created you to be as you participate in God's purpose in creation in your particular time and place.

Jeff Jones

Our deepest calling is to grow into our own authentic selfhood, whether or not it conforms to some image of who we ought to be. As we do so, we will not only find the joy that every human being seeks, we will also find our path of authentic service in the world. True vocation joins self and service, as Frederick Buechner asserts when he defines vocation as 'the place where your deep gladness meets the worlds deep need.'

Parker Palmer