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Following Jesus is not a bed of roses - Matthew 10:34-36

Choosing to follow Jesus faithfully will surely bring division/dispute and even separation from one's own family; following Jesus is not going to be peaceful or easy when it comes to relationships with people of the world, especially those within our family – if you get to choose the family, choose carefully (when getting married).

Ultimately, we have to walk and experience a similar path to that of Jesus. Whether we are single or married, we need to go through persecution for trusting in Jesus, for living according to His will. Eating His flesh and drinking His blood speaks of experiencing His pain, emotionally, mentally and sometimes physically. That is why Jesus told the mother of Zebedee's sons, that they will drink the cup, and go through similar trials and persecutions.

If you say you are a Christian, and you are not experiencing ridicule for living such a life, and everything is harmonious, then that is not Christian life.

John 6: 53-58

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

