

The Road Less Traveled



Luke 13:1-22

There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

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Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

He also spoke this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none."

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Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.'"

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Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

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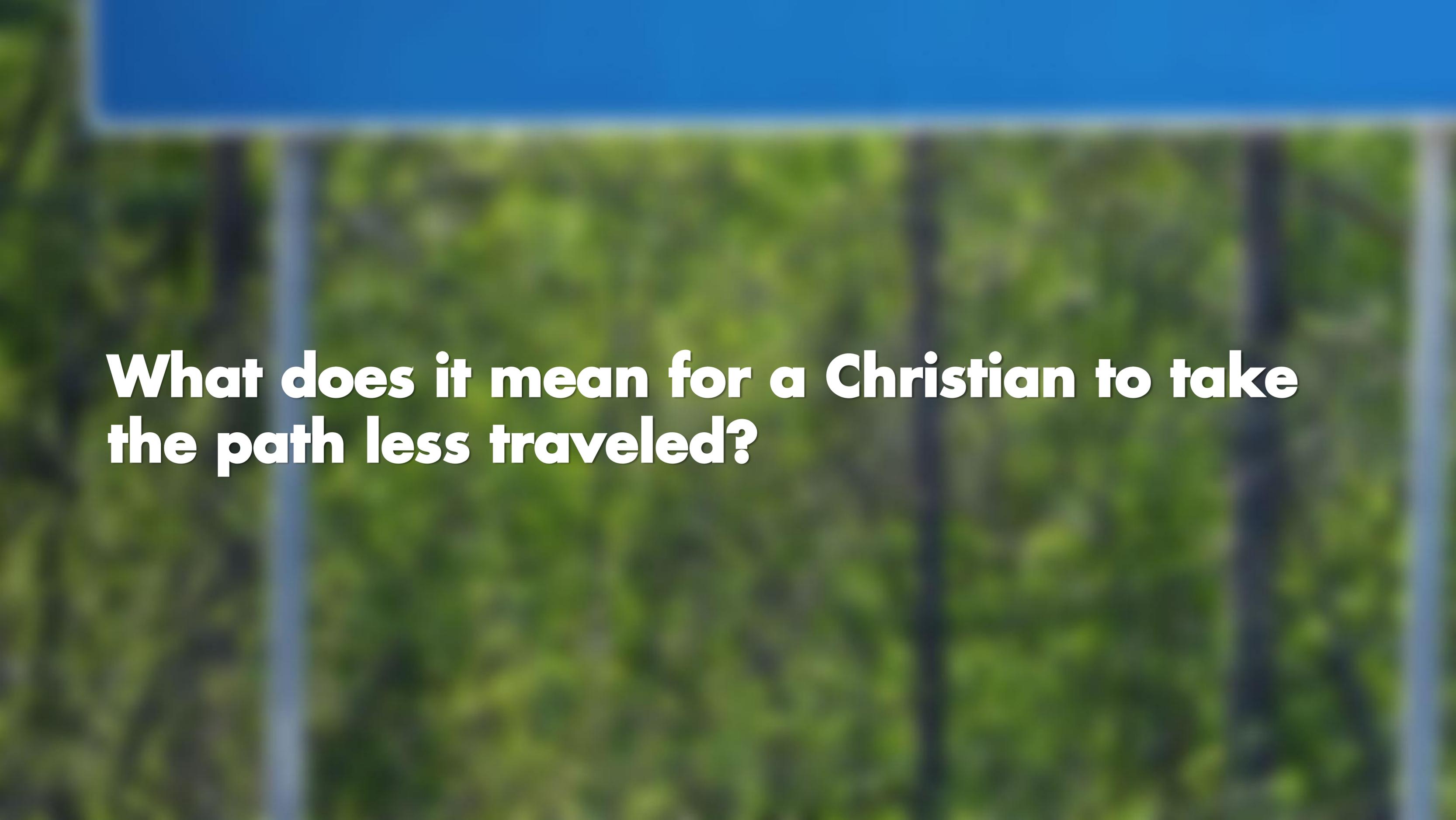
But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day."

The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite!

Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound — think of it — for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

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Then He said, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and put in his garden; and it grew and became a large tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches." And again He said, "To what shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."



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It means to follow the path that Jesus lays out for us.

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Living in the “ought” of God

We have choices – choose right!

Luke 13:5

“I tell you ... unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”

Living in the “ought” of God

We have obstacles – they are not excuses!

Luke 13:14

“There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day.”

Living in the “ought” of God

We have objectives – and they reflect a Great God!

Luke 13:18

“It is like a mustard seed ... grew and became a large tree”

Luke 13:20

“It is like leaven ... till it was all leavened.”

Living in the “ought” of God

“Set in relation to the healing episode, this parable declares that Satan’s domination is being repealed and the kingdom of God is made present even in such seemingly inconsequential acts as the restoration of an ill woman who lived on the margins of society.”

- Joel Green



We begin selling ourselves on what we want to do rather than what we ought to do. We listen to ourselves until we believe our own lies, and then we opt for happiness.

— *Andy Stanley* —



I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare.

(C. S. Lewis)

Luke 13:9, “And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.”



**Where there is pain - Let there be
grace**

**Where there is suffering - Bring
serenity**

For those afraid - Help them be brave

**Where there is misery - Bring
expectancy**

**And surely we can change, Surely we
can change ... Something**

- David Crowder

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