

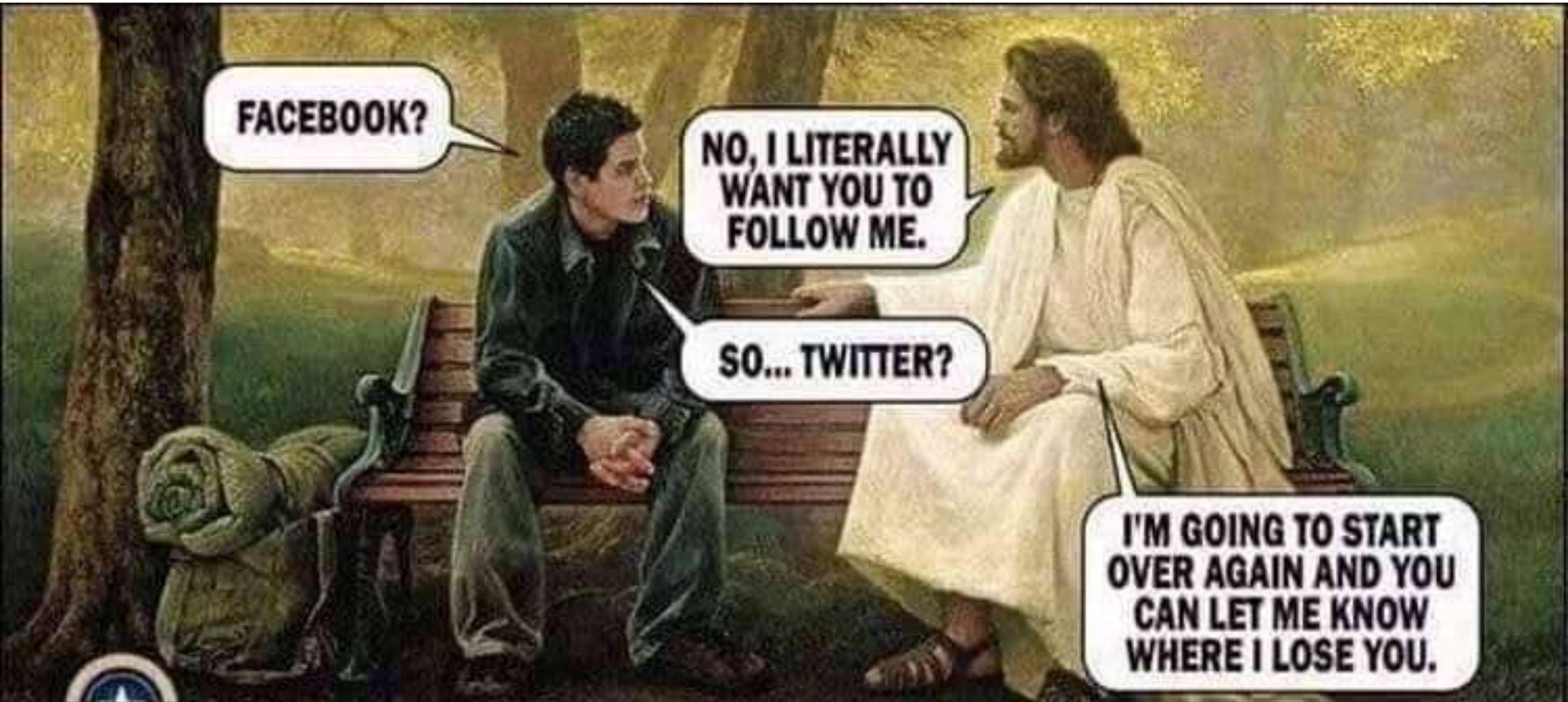
SERMON ON THE MOUNT

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MATTHEW 6:19-24

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- Josh Harris, author of “I kissed Dating Goodbye” has left his wife and renounced his faith.
- Marty Sampson, the Hillsong worship music writer who recently revealed he is “genuinely losing” his faith, clarified that while he hasn’t “renounced” his Christianity, it’s nevertheless on “incredibly shaky ground.”
- Rob Bell, Author of “Velvet Elvis” and “Love Wins”, now “Spiritual Teacher”; sees the Bible as a collection of writings that give us an “enlightened consciousness”
- What raises the questions that cause these men to leave orthodox Christianity and sometimes their families?

The Call To Transformation

- “Religion” is about believing the “right” thing or doing the “right” stuff. It can be a compartment in my life.
- Following Jesus is about “being”. Being a replica of Jesus. Jesus living His Life through you. To be covered in the dust of.
- In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is **not** calling us to be more committed to our faith or church or religion!
- It is the surrender of all that I am; my heart, soul, mind and strength, my values, my family, my occupation, my past, my future; to my transformation into the image of Jesus.
- In Matt.6:19-24 is asking us, “What do you TREASURE?”
- Mat.6:19 - 24

What Do You Treasure?

- Where is your Heart? What do your Treasure? 21
- “Now my hearts desire is to know you more, to be found in you and known as yours!”
- That which is of the earth is temporary, that which is of the Spirit is eternal! 19,20 (2Pet.3:8-11)
- Where your passion, purpose, goals are, there, is where your heart is. What are you FOCUSED on? 22-23 What is the goal?
- Goals change as we move through life.
- *Acceptance by others, * Appearing to have it all together, *Making good money, *Comfortable retirement
- Where does Jesus enter into all those phases of life?

What Are You Focused On?

- Whose disciple are you? Our teachers change through life. Parents, teachers, peers, media, Professors
- Over the years, some of those teachers challenge our beliefs in God and His Word. They challenge our religion.
- What our eyes are fixed on, changes.
- Questions arise in our minds, and religion is not going to be able to give you the answers you need.
- Do you feel you can ask questions about your doubts?
- Heb.12:1-2 - let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith,

Who Are We Serving?

- Matt.6:24 – Isn't it interesting when Jesus identifies the two potential masters, they are God and Money.
- 1 Tim 6:10 - For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.
- 2 Tim.3:1-5 – Outcomes of the flesh empowered religion
- Jer. 29:11 - For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.
- Matt.7:21-23- Flesh empowered religion will not get us into heaven

Who Are We Serving?

- What is your focus in life?
- Is it Jesus living His life through you as a?
- It is not about believing the “right thing”, though what I believe is important, it is doing, being, what I believe!
- Take time today to let the Spirit of God examine your life and show you what your goals, passions and purpose are.