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Part 3 Christ Came to Disrupt Your Life

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- Your life is not about you.
- Faith without sacrifice and obedience is not real.
- We do not naturally see things from God's point of view.

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- If you do not act, maybe no one will.
- Surrender is key to being a committed disciple not comfort.

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