

FAN *Or* FOLLOWER

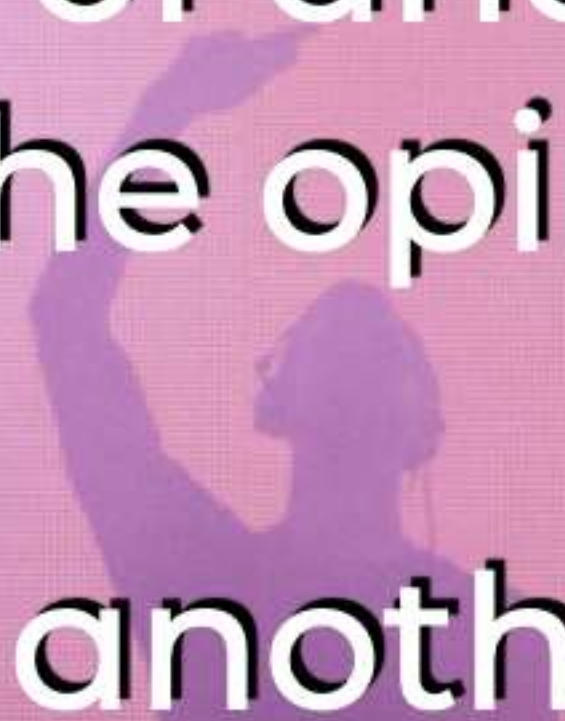


Mark 8:34-38

fan *noun*

- an enthusiastic devotee (as of a sport or a performing art) usually as a spectator
- an ardent admirer or enthusiast (as of a celebrity or a pursuit)

follower *noun*

- one in the service of another
 - one that follows the opinions or teachings of another
 - one that imitates another
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Mark 8 - The Way of the Cross

34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save their life[b] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. 36 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? 37 Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

1) AM I PART OF THE CROWD OR THE CALLED?

Mark 8:34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples

Matthew 4:25 Large crowds followed him wherever he went. [NLT]

"Follower" Greek - means constant fellowship, not occasional or temporary

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2) AM I PREPARED TO COUNT TO COST?

Luke 14:25-28 -

25 A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, 26 "If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. 27 And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple. 28 "But don't begin until you count the cost.

3) AM I PICKING UP MY CROSS?

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Philippians 1:6 - being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

