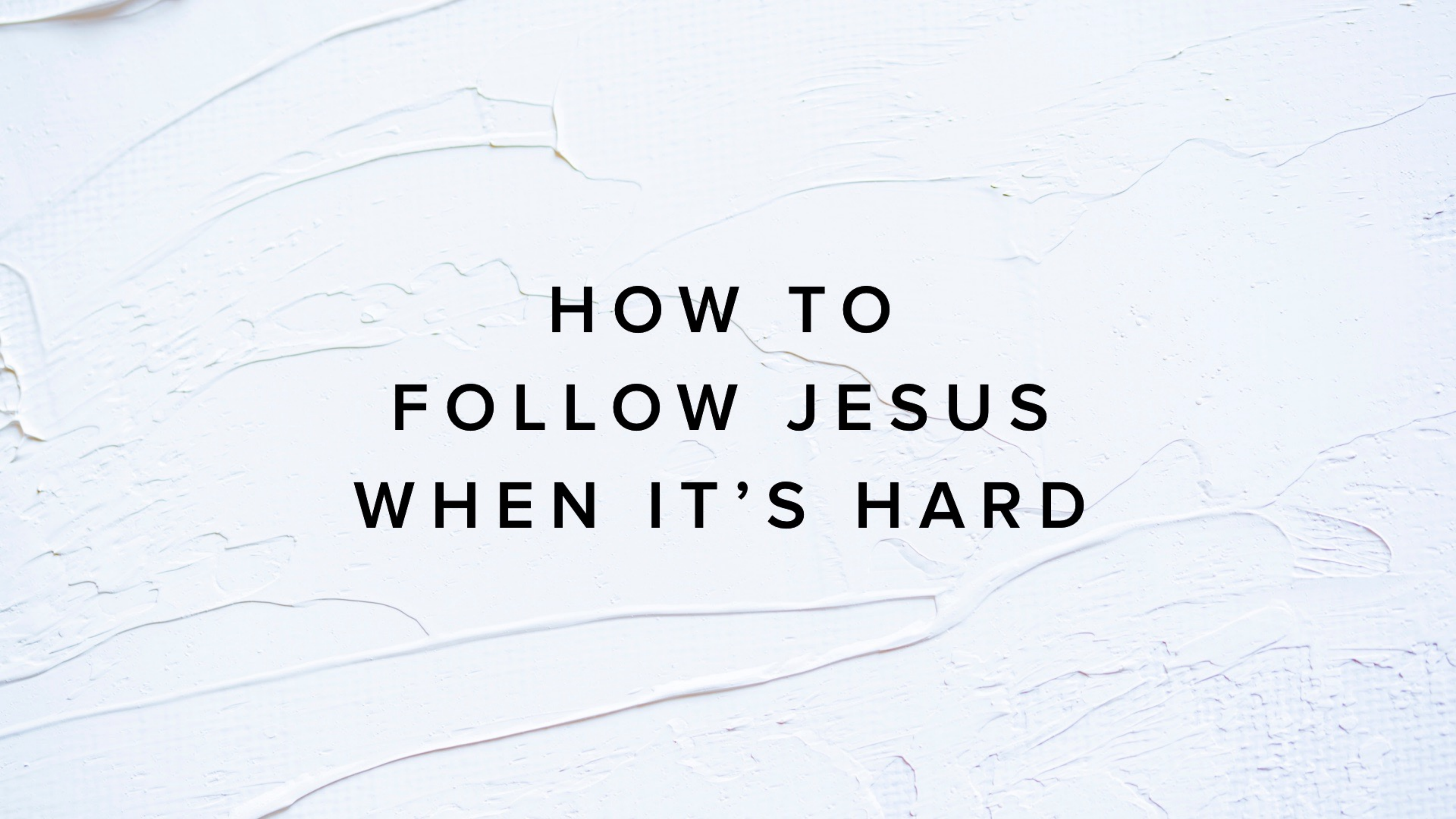


EXALTED

CHARIST

A series on the book of John



**HOW TO
FOLLOW JESUS
WHEN IT'S HARD**

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John 6:60-69 (NIV)

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Following Jesus Requires Revelation

Revelation- ...God the Creator actively disclosing to men His power and glory, His nature and character, His will, ways and plans-in short, Himself-in order that men may know Him.

- The New Bible Dictionary

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Offend - Cause to stumble

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1. Intellectual Offense - “This does not make sense”
2. Emotional Offense - “This hurts too much”
3. Moral Offense - “That does not feel right”
4. Relational Offense - “If you loved me you wouldn’t”

OFFENSE BLOCKS REVELATION

“We want a God who doesn’t embarrass us...our kids are not convinced out of faith, they are shamed out of it.” - Erwin Lutzer

OFFENSE BLOCKS REVELATION

Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction.

Proverbs 29:18 (NIV)

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In the flesh understanding comes before reception...In the spirit reception enables understanding.

BELIEF BEFORE REVELATION

¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:14 (NIV)

REVELATION LEADS TO INTIMACY

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Difficult circumstances are an invitation to a deeper walk with Jesus.

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¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Ephesians 1:17 (NIV)