



Sermon
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“Kwv Koj Tug Ntoo Khaublig Nrug Yexus Moog”

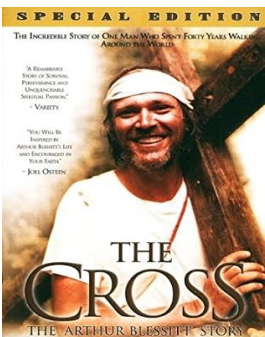
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Thov Txuj koobmoov txujkev hlab hab txujkev humxeb pub rua mej suavdlawg lug ntawm Vaajtswv kws yog peb Leejtxiv kws yog peb tug Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees.

Matthew 16:24 “Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me – *Yexus has rua nwg cov thwjtim hastas, “Yog leejtwg xaav nrug kuv moog, tug ntawd yuavtsum tswj nwg lub sab, hab kwv nwg tug ntoo khaublig nrug kuv moog.”* (ESV).

Nuav yog Vaajtswv Txujlug. (Cross-reference – Mathais 10:38, Lukas 14:27, Yauhaas 21:19; 21:22, 1 Petus 2:21).

Illustration “Arthur Blessitt” (Show Arthur Blessitt)



Tau 40 xyoo lug nuav tug Evangelist Arthur Blessitt tau kwv nwg tug 12 foot ntoo khaublig taug kev moog le 315 lub tebchaws, taug kev le 38,000 miles, 76 laab kauj riam, 16 billion pounds rua nwg txhais kuataw hab ncig lub nplajteb nuav li 1.5 zag kws yog qha Vaajtswv Txujmoozoo. Nwg ua tav le nuav rua lub 6 hli Xyoo 2008. Nwg teg dlejnum nuav puab muab ua ib dlaim film ti npe hastas, **The Cross: The Arthur Blessitt Story**, which open in 200 theatres nationwide on March 27, 2009. Yog leejtwg tau pum zaaj documentary nuav taag lawm, tug ntawd yuav qhau hlo rua ntawm tug ntoo khaublig losyog kwv nwg tug ntoo khaublig nrug Yexus moog. Arthur pib xyoo 1960 ua timkhawv qha Vaajtswv Txujlug nyob rua cheebtsaam Hollywood Sunset Strip. Nwg pum tau

hastas Vaajtswv hu kuas nwg lug moog kwv tug ntoo khaublig rua lwm qhovchaw. Thaum nwg pib le nuav coob leej ntau tug maam totaub hastas, tsi yog nwg laam kwv tug ntoo khaublig ua tug cim xwb losyog qha hastas nuav yog ib hom kev ntseeg tabsis yog qha hastas “Vaajtswv Hlub Koj.”

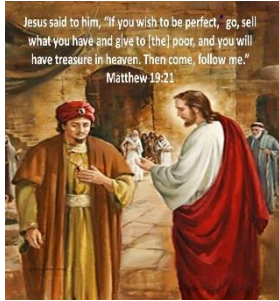
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I. Txujmoozoo nubnuav, Yexus qha rua Yexus cov thwjtim hastas, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me – *Yexus has rua nwg cov thwjtim hastas, “Yog leejtwg xaav nrug kuv moog, tug ntawd yuavtsum tswj nwg lub sab, hab kwv nwg tug ntoo khaublig nrug kuv moog.”* (Matthew 16:24). Cov kwvtij hlab hab movtshua, Yexus tsi yog has rua nwg cov thwjtim xwb tabsis Yexus has rua koj hab rua kuv hab rua peb suavdlawg kuas peb yuavtsum nrug Nwg moog. Yog peb ua tuabzoo xaav peb yuav kwv peb tug ntoo khaublig txhua nub huv peb lub neej. Txujkev kws nrug Yexus moog yeej tsi yoojyim le. Tabsis ca peb suavdlawg nrug Yexus moog. Vim peb yog nwg cov thwjtim, nwg yuav ua rua peb tau txujkev kaajsab lug vim peb yog nwg tug. Yexus yeej xaav kuas peb yog nwg tug, kuas peb muaj kev sibraug zoo nrug nwg, nwg txhaj le has rua peb hastas, “*Nrug kuv moog.*” (Show Jesus approaching Peter and Andrew)



Yexus has lulug “Nrug kuv moog” ntau zag heev thaum Yexus pib nwg lub ministry. Thaum Yexus ntsib Mathais kws yog tug tuabneeg sau se, Yexus has rua Mathais hastas, “Follow me – *Nrug kuv moog.*” (Matthew 9:9) Thaum Yexus pum Petus hab Atalis taabtom nrhav ntseeg tom haavdlej, Yexus has rua obtug

hastas, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men – *Nrug kuv moog, Kuv yuav qha meb nrhav tuabneeg ibyaam le meb nrhav ntseg.*” (Matthew 4:19).



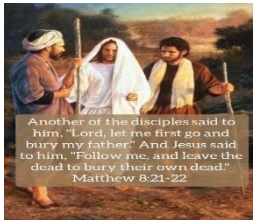
Yexus rov has dua ntxiv hastas, “*Tug kws tu kuv yuavtsum nrug kuv moog.*” Yexus has rua tug tuabneeg npluanuj hastas, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me – *Yog koj xaav ua tuabneeg zoo kawg nkaus, koj ca le rov moog muab ib puas tsaavyaam kws koj muaj muag huv tuabsi, hab muab cov nyaj ntawd faib rua cov tuabneeg pluag. Koj txhaj le muaj nyajtxag nyob sau ntuj ceebtsheej. Tomqaab ntawd koj ca le nrug kuv moog ua kuv tug thwjtim.*” (Mathais 19:21). Lub ntsab lug yog le nuav. Yexus hastas “*Nrug Kuv Moog*” lug

ua kuv tug thwjtim. Nyob le kuv nyob. Kawm ntawm kuv. Nrug kuv taug kev uake. Nrug kuv moog ntawm tug ntoo khaublig koj txhaj le pum hastas kuv hlub koj npaum le caag.” (Show heavy cross)



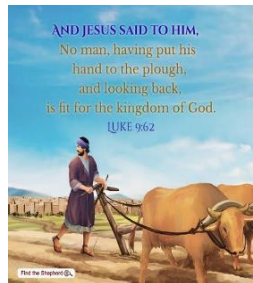
Tabsis peb txhua tug yuav raug txujkev dlaagntxag lug ntawm lub nplajteb nuav kuas peb tsi txhob kwv peb tug ntoo khaublig vim nwg nyaav heev. Vim txujkev nrug Yexus moog ntawd peb uv tsi taug. Peb yuav muab lwmyaam lug ua uantej Yexus. Peb yuav muab nyajtxag, kev lomzem, kev nkauj kev nraug, kev uasis uantej Yexus. Thaum peb ua le nuav, Yexus tsi yog tug #1 huv peb lub neej lawm. Thaum nuav peb lub neej tseem nyob rua lwm txujkev. Peb yuav nhrav lwm txujkev lug uantej peb maam le nrug Yexus moog.

(Show cutting of the cross)



Saib Yexus ib tug thwjtim has le caag. Nwg hastas, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father – *Tug Tswv, thov kuv moog faus kuv txiv tsuav kuv maam le nrug koj moog.*” (Matthew 8:21) Rov muaj dua ib tug txivneej hastas, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home – *Kuv nrug koj moog tabsis ca kuv moog has rua kuv tsev tuabneeg paub tsuav.*” (Lukas 9:61-62).

(Show Luke 9:62)



Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God – *Yexus txhaj le has rua tug tug ntawd hastas, "Yog leejtwg taabtom muab khais pib lai lag, tabsis nwg pheej tig saib rov tomqaab, tsi zoo kuas tug ntawd moog qha zaaj kws hastas, Vaajtswv yuav lug kaav nwg lug sab."*” (Lukas 9:62. Mej sim saib, moog faus nwg txiv, moog has nwg tsev tuabneeg paub tsuav, tej nuav puas yog laam siv “excuses – *nrhav kev*” kuas nwg tsi txhob tau nrug Yexus moog. Vim nwg tseem pheej tig nrhav kev nplajteb uantej maam le nrhav Yexus.

II. Peb tuabneeg nplajteb los zoo sisthoj le nuav hab. (Show cross-cut to pieces)



Peb siv “excuses – *nrhav kev*” lug ua txuj nrug Yexus moog. Peb tsi yog kwv peb tug ntoo khaublig rua qhov tseeb ho peb muab tug ntoo khaublig txav losyog muab faib hastas peb tsi khoom. Peb muaj ntau yaam ua. Ntau zag peb tsua muaj “1 hours - *Ib xuaj moo*” tuaj hawm Vaajtswv xwb. Peb hastas, “Tsi txhob khai kuv, kuv muaj lwmyaam ua.” Cov kwvtij hlub hab movtshua, Vaajtswv tsi yog kuas koj kwv koj tug ntoo khaublig rua lub sijhawm kws koj xaav kwv xwb, tabsis nwg kuas koj yuavtsum kwv “24 hrs. 7 days per week – 24 xuaj moo, 7 nub tuaj ib asthiv” hab txhua lub sijhawm huv koj lub neej.

Yog Vaajtswv has le ntawd, peb yuav ua le caag peb txhaj le kwv tau peb tug ntoo khaublig nrug Yexus moog 24/7. Vaajtswv txujlug qha rua peb le nuav. Nwg muaj ob yaam. Yaam thib #1 hastas, **“Nwg yuavtsum tswj nwg lub sab.” (Show believer justification in Jesus Christ)**



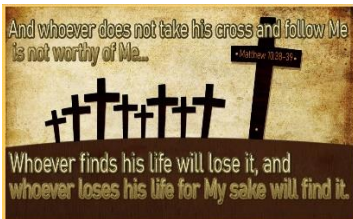
Qhov nuav qha rua peb hastas, tug kws yuav nrug Yexus moog, nwg yuavtsum ca Vaajtswv ua tug tswjfwv nwg lub neej. Tug Thwjtim Paulus txhaj le hastas, **“None is righteous, no, not one – Tsi muaj ibtug ncajnceed le, yeej tsis muaj ibtug hlo le.” (Loos 3:10)** Paulus sau ntxiv hastas, **“The righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe – Txujkev ncaajnceed ntawm Vaajtswv yog rua txhuatug kws ntseeg Yexus Khetos.” (Loos 3:21).** Koj yuav tswj tau koj lub sab yog txhais hastas tsi txhob ua lub neej le lub neej qub lawm, tabsis

yuavtsum ua lub neej tshab. Koj lub neej qub muab **“Buried with Jesus Christ – Faus nrug Yexus Khetos lawm.” (Show 2 Corinthians 5:17)**



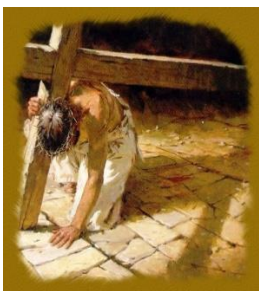
Muab koj lub neej qub rhuav povtseg, ca Yexus pib koj lub neej tshab. Ca nwg lug coj koj txuj hauvkev ua lawv le nwg sab nyam. **“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! - Yog leejtwg muaj Yexus Khetos, tug ntawd yog tug tuabneeg tshab, tug qub pluj lawm, tug tshab tawm tuaj.” (2 Kaulethaus 5:17).**

Peb tuabneeg yuav tso yaam qub tseg mas nyuaj kawg nkaus. Peb xum moog ca sab rua khoom nplajteb tabsis peb xaav kuas Vaajtwv muab txhua yaam rua peb. Tabsis peb ho tsi kheev nrug nwg moog. Peb xaav kuas Vaajtswv zaam peb tej kev txhum, peb xaav tau txujsa, tabsis peb tsi kheev tswj peb lub sab kws yog lug ua hum Vaajtswv hab. Peb xaav kuas Vaajtswv ua sab ntev rua peb, tabsis peb tswj tsi tau peb tug kheej. Yexus txhaj le hastas, **(Show Matthew 10:38-39)**



“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it – Tug kws khauvxxwm nwg txujsa, tug ntawd txujsa yuav tu, tabsis tug kws ua kuv teg haujlwm nwg tsi khauvxxwm nwg txujsa, tug ntawd yuav tau txujsa.” (Mathais 10:39). Yog koj tseem xaav yuav lub neej qub koj yuav poob moog hab koj yuav tsi tau. Tabsis yog koj tswj koj lub sab, nrug Yexus moog, koj yuav tau txujsa moog ibtxhis.

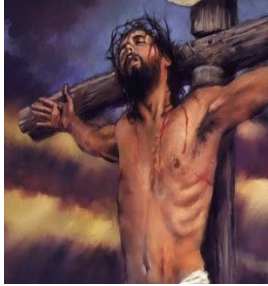
III. Yam thib #2 Yexus hastas, **“hab kwv nwg tug ntoo khaublig nrug kuv moog.”** Yexus xum ua le Vaajtswv sabnyam heev dluas le Yexus sab nyam. Nwg tsi taag yuav raug txujkev tsimtxom tabsis nwg txu hlo nwg lub fwjchim lug moog raug txujkev tsimtxom theej nplajteb txujkev txhum. Yog peb ua tuabzoo saib, tug ntoo khaublig tsi yog ib tug ntoo qhuav qhuav ca xwb. Tug ntoo khaublig yog txhua yaam kws Yexus lug raug txujkev tsimtxom, txomnyem txhaj le theej tau peb lub txim ntawm txujkev txhum. Thaum kws tuabneeg tsi leeg paub Yexus, puab nti quabncaug rua Yexus lub ntsejmuag, puav tshev Yexus, haslug saib tsi taug Yexus, tej nuav puavleej yog Yexus kws nwg tug ntoo khaublig rua koj hab rua kuv. **(Show Jesus carrying the cross)**



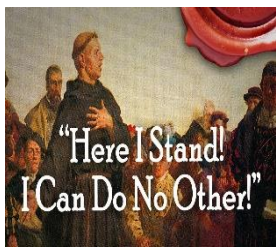
Mej puas pum hastas Yexus hlub peb kawg nkaus. Nwg txhaj le muab hlo nwg ob txhais npaab lug kwv tug ntoo khaublig rua sau nwg lub xubpwg. Txawm tej kev txhum yuav nyaav npaum le caag lug na nwg lub nraubqaum los nwg ua ib sab tsi thim txujkev txomnyem nuav tsuav nwg cawm tau koj hab tau kuv xwb. Yexus hastas, **“All men will hate you because of me – Txhua tug tuabneeg yuav ntxub mej vim yog kuv.” (Lukas 21:17).** **“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first – Yog lub nplajteb nuav ntxub mej, ncu ntsoov hastas puab txhub kuv uantej.” (Yauhas 15:18).** **(Show Jesus hand nail to the cross)**



Txawm tuabneeg yauv ntxub Yexus npaum le caag los nwg yeej tsi chim rua puab le. Nwg ca cov tubrog Loos muab Yexus ob txhaisteg ntsa hlo rua ntawm tug ntoo khaublig. Txawn luas yuav ua phem npaum le caag los Yexus yeej tsi has ib lus phem rov rua puab le. Thaum kawg puab txhaj le muab nwg dlaincu sau tug ntoo khaublig hab tuag theej koj txujkev txhum kuas koj tau txujsa yog koj ntseeg hab ca sab rua nwg txujkev cawmdlim. **(Show Jesus hanging on the cross)**



Txujmoozoo nubnuav qha rua peb kuas peb pum hastas Yexus tub kwv nwg tug ntoo khaublig lug ua tav hlo rua koj hab rua kuv lawm. Peb tseem nyob rua lub nplajteb nuav kws tseem dlaig rua nruabnraab. Yog peb yuav kwv peb tug ntoo khaublig nrug Yexus moog tau rua ntuj ceebtsheej, peb yuavtsum naj nub kwv peb tug ntoo khaublig tsi txhob thim le. Txawm yuav ntsib kev nyuajsab ntxhuv plawv, raug luag ntxub luag thum npaum le caag los peb yuavtsum sawv khov kho. Saib Dr. Martin Luther txujkev sawv khov kho zoo le caag. **(Show Dr. Martin Luther – Here I Stand)**



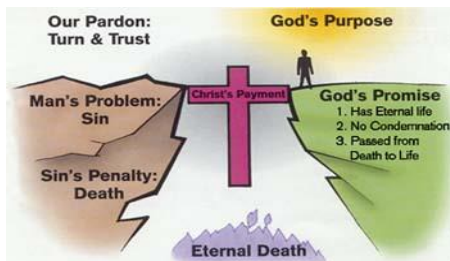
Thaum Luther tuajxub cov Roman Catholic, vim puab qha tsi ncainceeg rua ntawm Vaajtswv Txujlug, puab hu Luther lug sawv ntawm tug Emperor Germany. Puab has kuas Luther yuavtsum thim nwg cov lug yog nwg tsi thim txug tej lug kws nwg tau sau hab qha txug ces puab yuav muab nwg tua povtseg. Luther teb le caag, “Unless I can be convinced by Scriptures, I will not recant. Here I stand – *Yog hastas Vaajtswv txujlug tsi tau kuas kuv ua, kuv yuav tsis thim. Kuv sawv ntawm nuav.*” Nuav yog ib tug qauv kws Luther kwv nwg tus ntoo

khaublig txawm nwg txujsa tub yuav raug luag muab txu kuas nwg tuag. Tabsis Dr. Martin Luther sawv khov kho kwv nwg tug ntoo khaublig nrug Yexus moog. **(Show carrying your cross)**



Yexus hastas, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me - *Yexus has rua nwg cov thwjtim hastas, “Yog leejtwg xaav nrug kuv moog, tug ntawd yuavtsum tswj nwg lub sab, hab kwv nwg tug ntoo khaublig nrug kuv moog.”*(Mathais 16.24) “Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it – *Tug kws khauv xwm nwg txujsa, tug ntawd txujsa yuav tu, tabsis tug kws ua kuv teg haujlwm nwg tsi khauv xwm nwg txujsa, tug*

ntawd yuav tau txujsa.” (Mathais 10:39) **(Show God purpose and Jesus hugging you)**



Ca peb muaj txujkev humxeeb rua ntawm Vaajtswv vim peb tub kovyeej txujkev txhum, txujkev tuag hab dlaab lub fwjchim lug ntawm Yexus Khetos lawm. Ca peb txhua tug kwv peb tug ntoo khaublig moog rua ntawm peb tug cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees.

Thov kuas Vaajtswv txujlug pub rua peb suavdlawg totaub hab tau nyob kaajsab lug rua ntawm Tswv Yexus lub npe. And all God’s children say: Asmees.