

Pray
Count The Cost

Scripture

Luke 14:25-33

The Cost of Discipleship

25 Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, 26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' 31 Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. 33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

What did you give up when you gave your life to Christ?

Being a disciple costs you:

- Family
- Comfort
- Wealth
- Future plans
- Reputation
- Control of your life

What did God heal, create and restore?

Here are some questions to ponder:

- Are there anything you said you would never do?
- What things make you extremely uncomfortable?
- What relationships does God want you to let go of or downgrade?
- Your spouse.
- Do your children have the proper priority level?

The number one attribute of a disciple is commitment.

Luke 14: 26 Being a disciple is more important than your family.

Luke 14: 27 Being a disciple means you give up your own comfort.

Luke 14: 27 Being a disciple means you suffer with Him.

Luke 14: 27 Being a disciple means your #1 priority in life is to follow Jesus.

Mark 10: 17-23 Being a disciple means all your wealth is His.

Mat 8: 21,22 Being a disciple means you give up your home and comfort.

Luke 10 Being a disciple means you give up your reputation.

This message is meant to challenge your commitment. To open you up to new possibilities in your life. To challenge your conventional thinking about your way of life and our daily decisions.

So many times, our lives are set on autopilot and we don't even consider the Holy Spirit's whispers as real possibilities. Everything in our lives is on the table when we are his disciples. We consider the good things in our lives as non-negotiable because they are from God. As true disciples Jesus will ask us to sacrifice the things, we hold most dear to our hearts.

When is the last time you put everything on the table and given Him the right and honored him by laying it at his feet? Saying to him, "this is everything I have and all that I am, take it and do as you will."?

God seems to lead his disciples to awkward uncomfortable places. The things we said we would never do are many times God's plan for our lives. Here are some questions to ponder:

- Are there anything you said you would never do? Watch Out!
- What things make you extremely uncomfortable? Uh oh!
- What relationships does God want you to let go of or downgrade? Nooo!
- Your spouse...instead of figuring out how to exist or cope with them maybe pray for opportunities to love them better. Prayerfully determine what your marriage ministry purpose is.
- Do your children have the proper priority level? You are not to serve your children. Your priorities are your ministry to God. Your ministry to others. Your ministry with your spouse. Your ministry to your family. Your ministry to others.

Put them back on the table.