

#FollowingHim

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# Jesus' View of Following Him

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**“I THINK THAT ONE TIME, IT WOULD BE REALLY GREAT TO JUST GET UP HERE AND JUST READ THE BIBLE VERSE, CLOSE THE BIBLE, AND THEN SIT DOWN.. THAT WOULD BE THE WHOLE MESSAGE.”**

**-CHRIS JONES**

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## **Luke 14:25-33 - The Cost of Discipleship (ESV)**

**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.**

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**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?**

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**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. 34 "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? 35 It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."**

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# **Let's talk about "discipleship" and/or "following Jesus"**

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**JESUS TAUGHT THAT SALVATION IS FREE AND THAT IS ONLY ACHIEVED BY BELIEVING IN FAITH WHAT JESUS DID FOR US ON THE CROSS. HOWEVER, THE BALANCING REVELATION HERE IN LUKE IS THAT "FOLLOWING JESUS"...BEING A DISCIPLE WILL BE VERY COSTLY.**

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**Is “being saved” or the term “salvation” the same as “being a discipleship” and/or “following Jesus”?**

**NO... BUT MANY NEW TESTAMENT AUTHORS POINT OUT THAT YOU REALLY CAN'T HAVE ONE WITH OUT THE OTHER. THE LEVEL OF OUR COMMITMENT TO FOLLOW JESUS NEVER SECURES OUR SALVATION, BUT IT CERTAINLY REFLECTS THE DEPTH OF OUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT COST JESUS, AND OUR LEVEL OF GRADITUDE TOWARDS HIS OBEDIENCE TO THE ASSIGNMENT THAT GOD HAD FOR HIM.**

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**Your salvation cost Jesus everything...  
and what He is presenting in Luke 14,  
is that if you are going to “follow Him”  
in a manner worthy of that sacrifice,  
it will cost you everything also.**

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## **Luke 14:25**

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**JESUS NEVER LET THE SIZE OF THE CROWD  
TAILOR HIS MESSAGE OF THE KINGDOM. IN FACT,  
IN MOST CASES, HIS HARDEST AND TOUGHEST  
TEACHINGS ON WHAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS  
LIKE WERE GIVEN WHEN THE CROWDS AROUND  
HIM WERE THE LARGEST.**

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**Luke 14:26**

**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.**

**SIMPLY PUT, JESUS SAYS THAT FOLLOWING HIM WILL REQUIRE YOU TO LEAVE BEHIND EVERY OTHER LOYALTY YOU HAVE IN YOUR LIFE.**

## **Luke 14:27**

**27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.**

**BEARING YOUR CROSS FOR THE SAKE OF FOLLOWING JESUS MEANS THAT YOU BEAR THE BURDEN OF PUBLICLY IDENTIFYING WITH HIM EVEN IF IT MEANS DEATH.**

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**Discipleship and/or following Jesus  
...has to look like something!**

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**Luke 14:33-35A**

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**HAVE YOU RENOUNCED WHAT YOU THINK YOU ARE ENTITLED TO YET? TO "RENOUNCE" IS THE FORMAL DISAFFILIATION OR ABANDONMENT OF A TIGHTLY HELD POSITION OR RELIGION.**

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**Luke 14:33-35 (Message)**

**“Simply put, if you’re not willing to take what is dearest to you, whether plans or people, and kiss it good-bye, you can’t be my disciple. 34 “Salt is excellent. But if the salt goes flat, it’s useless, good for nothing. “Are you listening to this? Really listening?”**

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**Luke 14:35B**

**He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”**

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**“THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WE JUST  
NEED TO LET GOD’S WORD SPEAK”!**

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