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We are now living in the uncommitted age. Loyalties are no longer what they used to be, and for institutions where people once stayed for years, or for life, many now count it an "option" to stay, whether it be a marriage, a place of work, or a community of faith (church).

In contrast, what we see in the spiritually revived community under Nehemiah and Ezra is that consecration led to commitment, even if the cost was extremely high for them. Here's the question: why can't this be true for us too, as followers of Christ today?

1. The Cause of Consecration: Believers moved by the Word of God and Prayer to recommit themselves to God.

(vv. 9:38-10:27)

- "Because of all this we make a firm covenant ..." really means: "because our forefathers sinned, and we ourselves sinned, yet God has been only redemptive and faithful, we recommit ourselves to Him" (Romans 12:1, 2).
- Should Christians today keep making promises to God, or negotiate bargains with God? Because of Christ, God is our Father now, and our Father wants obedience out of love, not selfish fear. We succeed as Christians not because of our promises **to** God, but because of the promises **of** God, so that we can base our lives on His faithfulness, not ours.

2. The Cost of Consecration: Believers who will sacrifice gladly out of their consecration to God. (vv. 10:27-39a)

- What follows is a list of their commitments based on realizing where they and their forefathers had fallen short in their previous covenant with God. They are given here as illustrations rather than for us to slavishly follow.



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- Jesus reveals in Luke 14:28-33 that the cost of following Christ is high, but He also said in Mark 10:29-30 that it will be worth it in both worlds: *“Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life”*.

3. The Core of Consecration: Believers who will never separate the Worship of God and living for God.

(vv. 10:39b)

- Everything they committed to from vv. 30-39 is summarized in the final statement: “We will not neglect the house of our God”.
N.B. This isn't about “personal” worship only, but about worshiping together in particular.
- If there is one thing the Book of Psalms keeps repeating to us, let this be what you retain: your worship of God and walk with God will always reflect each other. And best of all, they mutually enhance each other. In His love, God always sets up those who follow Him not to fail, but to succeed.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Believers grateful for their redemption by God will never regret the cost of following God. Because when the Word of God and prayer has moved them, they will gladly give what they would otherwise have kept for themselves. And it is the very same people who will long for that collective experience of worshiping God together because it is an indispensable part of living for God.

May the Lord find us all consecrated to Him – ready to sacrifice and serve, and ready to worship and follow Him together.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What would you say to a person who thinks that the way to get God to answer prayers is to make promises or propose bargains with God?
2. What did Jesus mean when he said in Luke 14:28-33 that a disciple must first count the cost of following Him? Does it mean being a disciple is an option?
3. Pray for one another in the family/group, and ask God to make each of you willing to bear the cost of discipleship in a world where commitment has become cheap and disposable.

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2 Corinthians 9:7

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