



message OUTLINE

THE COST OF BEING A DISCIPLE

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TEXT: Luke 14:25-35

I. THE COST OF BEING A DISCIPLE

*“Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, ‘If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he **cannot be My disciple**. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me **cannot be My disciple**. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, “This man began to build and was not able to finish?” Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you who does not forsake all that he has **cannot be My disciple**.”* v. 25-33

II. BEFORE EVERYTHING

1. Before Family:

*“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters... **cannot be My disciple**.”* v. 26a

CS Lewis: “To love you as I should, I must worship God as Creator. When I have learnt to love God better than my earthly dearest, I shall love my earthly dearest better than I do now. In so far as I learn to love my earthly dearest at the expense of God and instead of God, I shall be moving towards the state in which I shall not love my earthly dearest at all. When first things are put first, second things are not suppressed but increased.”

2. Before Myself:

"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate... yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple." v. 26b

Oswald Chambers: "To those who say, 'I will not give up my right to myself' - the thing God intends you to give up if ever you are going to be a disciple of Jesus Christ."

3. Before Security:

"And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple." v. 33

"The young man said to Him, 'All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?' Jesus said to him, 'If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.' But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions." Matt. 19:20-22

4. Before Everything:

"So likewise, whoever of you who does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple." v. 33

"Then one of the scribes... asked Him, 'Which is the first commandment of all?' Jesus answered him, 'The first of all the commandments is: "Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul (your knower), with all your mind, and with all your strength." This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'" Mark 12:28-34

III. SALT AND LIGHT

"Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor (saltiness), how shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" v. 34, 35

Sodium Chloride: 2 billion year salt. Old Salt. The word "Salary" is from the Latin "Solarium", which was originally referred to a soldier's allowance to buy salt.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. Matt. 28:19-20

(Read 2 Timothy 4:5)

CS Lewis: "I didn't go to religion to make me happy. I always knew a bottle of Port would do that. If you want a religion to make you feel really comfortable, I certainly don't recommend Christianity."