

LUKE 14:25-35

JESUS HAS NOW REACHED CELEBRITY STATUS, MOST PREACHERS WOULD BE JUST FINE WITH THE NUMBERS...DON'T ROCK THE BOAT!! AS THEY SAY.....JESUS KNOWS HE HAS MANY "LOOKYLOOS". HE WILL PUT DIVISION BETWEEN HIS TRUE DISCIPLES AND THOSE WHO JUST WANT WHAT HE CAN DO FOR THEM

Luke 14:25-35 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. 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.

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.”

THESE ARE THE HARD TEACHINGS OF JESUS

JESUS USES A HYPERBOLE TO MAKE AN EMPHATIC STATEMENT
HE DOES NOT WANT US TO HATE ANYONE AND HE DOES NOT
WANT US TO HATE OURSELVES, HE WANTS US TO HATE OUR
LIFE WITHOUT HIM

Matthew 10:37 ESV

³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

OBVIOUSLY JESUS WANTS TO SHOCK HIS HEARERS.
HONOR MOTHER AND FATHER, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS
YOURSELF....JESUS DOES NOT NEGATE THESE COMMANDS
WE ARE TO LOVE OURSELVES AND ONE ANOTHER, BUT OUR
LOVE FOR CHRIST SHOULD BE MOST EVIDENT

HE EXPECTS OUR LOVE FOR HIM TO BE SO DIFFERENT, SO
SPECIAL, THAT IT MAKES ALL THE REST OF OUR RELATIONSHIPS
TAKE A BACKSEAT...2ND PLACE

FAMILY MAY NOT FOLLOW, BE READY TO GO IT ALONE

PART OF THE DECEPTION OF THE DEVIL HAS, IS TO MAKE US THINK THAT DEATH IS FINAL...THAT WE ARE GONE FOREVER WHEN WE DIE
THAT EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE WE LOVE IN THE HERE AND NOW IS ALL THAT THERE IS FOR US.....THIS IS THE BIG LIE

Luke 14:27 ESV

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

OU DYNAMAI-NO, NOT AT ALL, IN NO WAY, ABSOLUTELY NOT

DISCIPLE- MATHETES-A COMMITTED STUDENT/LEARNER

EXPLAIN A CONVICT'S JOURNEY TO THE CROSS
ROMANS INVENTED IT, SO BAD THAT THEY DIDN'T EVEN KILL ROMAN CITIZENS THIS WAY...HUMILIATION AND SHAME CAME WITH THIS DEATH

Luke 9:23-25 ESV

²³ And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?

JESUS SAID “FOLLOW ME”WHERE? TO THE CROSS, TO DIE

1 Peter 2:21-24 ESV

²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

WE ARE CALLED TO SUFFER WITH THE ONE WHO PAID THE DEBT OF A HUMAN DEATH ONCE AND FOR ALL

Philippians 3:8-11 ESV

⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

WHOEVER DOES NOT PURPOSE IN THEIR HEART TO DIE TO EVERYTHING THIS WORLD HAS TO OFFER, IS ABSOLUTELY NOT ABLE TO EXPERIENCE THE FULLNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OR THE INHERITENCE CHRIST DIED TO GIVE US

Luke 14:28-30 ESV

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.'

JESUS IS NOT LOOKING FOR A "HALF HEARTED" CONGREGATION... THE LINE IS IN THE SAND....THINK ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW ME BEFORE YOU "SAY" YOU WILL FOLLOW..."I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE DOING BEFORE YOU DO IT"

WHAT IS COUNTING THE COST ?

ALL A MAN IS:
HEART, MIND, EYES, EARS, HANDS, FEET, MOUTH, DESIRES,
ENERGY

ALL A MAN HAS: FAMILY, FRIENDS, THINGS, AND THE MONEY THAT BUYS THOSE THINGS

Hebrews 11:6-7 ESV

⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

FAITH=BELIEF+ACTION. YOU MUST FORSAKE ONE LIFE, TO RECEIVE THE OTHER

Luke 14:31-32 ESV

³¹Or 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? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.

CONSIDER GOD.. THE ANGRY KING WITH THE ADVANTAGE, JESUS IS OUR DELEGATION OF PEACE

Luke 14:34-35 ESV

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SALT IS A COMPOUND THAT IS, WHAT IT IS...SALT CAN'T BECOME LESS SALTY...IT CAN ONLY BE DILUTED BY IMPURITIES...ONCE DILUTED, VIRTUALLY USELESS EVEN FOR DIRT AND DUNG

JESUS SAID EARLIER IN HIS MINISTRY ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 5:13-16 ESV

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that^[a] they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

J C Ryle- The man who does well for himself is the man who gives up everything for Christ's sake. He makes the best of bargains; he carries the cross for a few years in this world, and in the world to come has everlasting life. He obtains the best of possessions; he carries his riches with him beyond the grave. He is rich in grace here, and he is rich in glory hereafter. And, best of all, what he obtains by faith in Christ he never loses. It is "that good part which is never taken away."

