

The Cost and the Work

Engage - Discipleship Part 2

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Luke 14:25-35

Salvation vs. Discipleship

“Salvation is free, but discipleship will cost you your life.” - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Jesus knows that DISCIPLESHIP can not be half-hearted and he wants the crowds to know that!

WHAT?! That doesn't sound right!

- Jesus is not commanding his followers to [redacted]!
- He commands us to [redacted]!
- We are commanded to [redacted] our parents!

Jesus is only using these strong words to highlight a contrast.

Nothing should come between us and him.

Nothing should challenge our love and loyalty for him.

Psalms 127:1

Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.

- We cannot possibly build or battle in our own strength as disciples and expect to succeed and win. Even though we battle, the battle must belong to the Lord!

This is not the cost of discipleship, this is the work of discipleship that will help you answer the call and the cost of discipleship. **The cost might well be everything, even your very life!**

Disciplines to Work as a Disciple:

- Prayer and Scripture/ Scripture and Prayer
- Be Baptized- there is protection in that for you
- Remember the Lord's sacrifice for us- do this often

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- Gather/ Fellowship
- Worship
- Serve
- Gratitude, Generosity and Giving
- Forgiveness, Confession and Humility
- Love, Mercy, Justice
- Rest and Refresh (trust)- Sabbath
- Righteousness
- Reproduce Spiritually - share your faith