

A photograph showing the lower legs and feet of a person standing on a sandy surface. The person is wearing dark pants with the cuffs rolled up. The soles of their feet are severely charred and blackened, suggesting they have been stepped on by a hot object. The background is a textured, brownish sand with some faint, dark, swirling patterns. The overall tone is somber and dramatic.

DARE TO BE A DISCIPLE

Pt. 1- The Cost

Luke 14:25-27

Put Yourself In The Crowds



It is so easy to want something without knowing the cost

- How many decisions are made on impulse?
- How often are you in a store or online and you see something and for some reason you just have to have it?
- Many in the crowds were buying in...
But they hadn't considered the cost of following...
- That's when Jesus turned around and said...

26 “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. 27 And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. Luke 14



I. Consider The Cost

A. Impulsiveness- (acting without forethought)

³¹ And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift *you* as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to *Me*, strengthen your brethren.”

I must understand what I am committing to

³³ But he said to Him, “Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.”

I must TRULY realize there WILL BE DIFFICULTY

³⁴ Then He said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me.”

Luke 22

I must know it is a narrow road and few find it

A. Impulsiveness

B. That's What My _____ Believes

⁵ when I call to remembrance the **genuine faith** that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice....

and I am persuaded is in **you also**. ...

⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. *2 Tim 1*

- I worship with Northwood because _____
- I take the Lord's supper because _____
- I read my Bible daily because _____
- I want to go to heaven because _____

A. Impulsiveness

B. That's What My _____ Believes

C. Feels Right

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- Prov. 28:26, Prov. 30:12

A. Impulsiveness

B. That's What My _____ Believes

C. Feels Right

D. The Greatest Reason: Love

²³ Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will **keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. *Jn 14***

- A Promise, Not A Test

E. Love

1. Transforms Orders Into Opportunities

- Case Study: Balaam- Num 22
- His Attitude: “God won’t let me!”

¹³ So Balaam rose in the morning and said to the princes of Balak, “Go back to your land, for the LORD has refused to give me permission to go with you.” Num 22

¹⁵ They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; 2 Peter 2

If Men Love Their Captain...

E. Love

1. Transforms Orders Into Opportunities

2. Life Becomes Shame-Free

-Romans 1:16

Not Guilt, Not Peer Pressure, Not Fear

Only Freedom

E. Love

- 1. Transforms Orders Into Opportunities**
- 2. Life Becomes Shame-Free**
- 3. Our Highest Calling- Matthew 22:37-40**



II. Know The Cost

What are the two things we care for the most?

²⁶ “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. *Luke 14*

- “Do you love me more?”

A. Family Or Jesus

- Do we love Jesus or our family more?
- Understanding Hate- Gen 29:30-33, Matt 10:34-39

³⁷ “Anyone who loves their father or mother **more than** me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter **more than** me is not worthy of me. *Matt 10*

A. Family Or Jesus

What If...

- 1. You decide to follow him and your family doesn't**
 - Husband wants to sleep in...Wife says let's go**
 - You become a Christian and parents won't come to the wedding**
 - You are the only one in your family**
 - Sitting In The Pew Alone**

A. Family Or Jesus

What If...

- 1. You decide to follow him and your family doesn't**
- 2. Your family might not like your stand for God to help them**
 - Children have a game during church services...**
 - The conversation with your father about salvation**
 - Not drinking champagne at special occasions**
 - Change The TV Channel**

A. Family Or Jesus

What If...

- 1. You decide to follow him and your family doesn't**
- 2. Your family might not like your stand for God to help them**
- 3. Your family decided to follow him and you haven't**

A. Family Or Jesus

B. Me Or Jesus

²⁶ ...And [hate] his **own life also**, he cannot be My disciple.

²⁷ And whoever does not **bear his cross** and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

- Can I Love Jesus Enough To Die?

-Jesus doesn't hide the fact that He is on His way to Jerusalem to die (Lk 9:31, 13:33, 18:34).

-Jesus calls us to pay the same price he paid

A. Family Or Jesus

B. Me Or Jesus

1. Give up self-dependence

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21st Century:

- Stained Glass, Necklace, Pretty Symbol**
- Burdens or Problems**
- Religious Artifact**

A. Family Or Jesus

B. Me Or Jesus

1. Give up self-dependence

1st Century:

- The cross was an instrument of violent and painful execution.
- Shame, Guilt, Suffering, and Rejection.
- There could be no more despicable way to die.
- Crucifixion was not mentioned in polite conversation,
- People would no more think of wearing crosses than we would think of wearing gold or silver electric chairs

A. Family Or Jesus

B. Me Or Jesus

1. Give up self-dependence

- Not just once but every day

³⁰ And why do we stand in jeopardy every hour? ³¹ I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, **I die daily. ³² If, in the manner of men, I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage *is it* to me? **If the dead do not rise,** “*Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!*”**

1 Cor 15

A. Family Or Jesus

B. Me Or Jesus

1. Give up self-dependence

2. Give up self-absorption

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. *Romans 12- NIV*

- Speech (Euphemisms)
- Online: Think about how many people read it
- Modesty: Lifestyle
- Conduct: Habits

A. Family Or Jesus

B. Me Or Jesus

- 1. Give up self-dependence**
- 2. Give up self-absorbing**
- 3. Give up everything**

Will I give up all I have for Jesus who gave up all He had for me?

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Phil 2



**We Must Count
The Cost**

28 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*— ²⁹ lest, after he has laid the 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’?

Luke 14