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# THE COSTS OF DISCIPLESHIP



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“Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:

**26** “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.

**27** And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

**28** “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? **29** For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, **30** saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

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**33** In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

**34** “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? **35** It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

“Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.



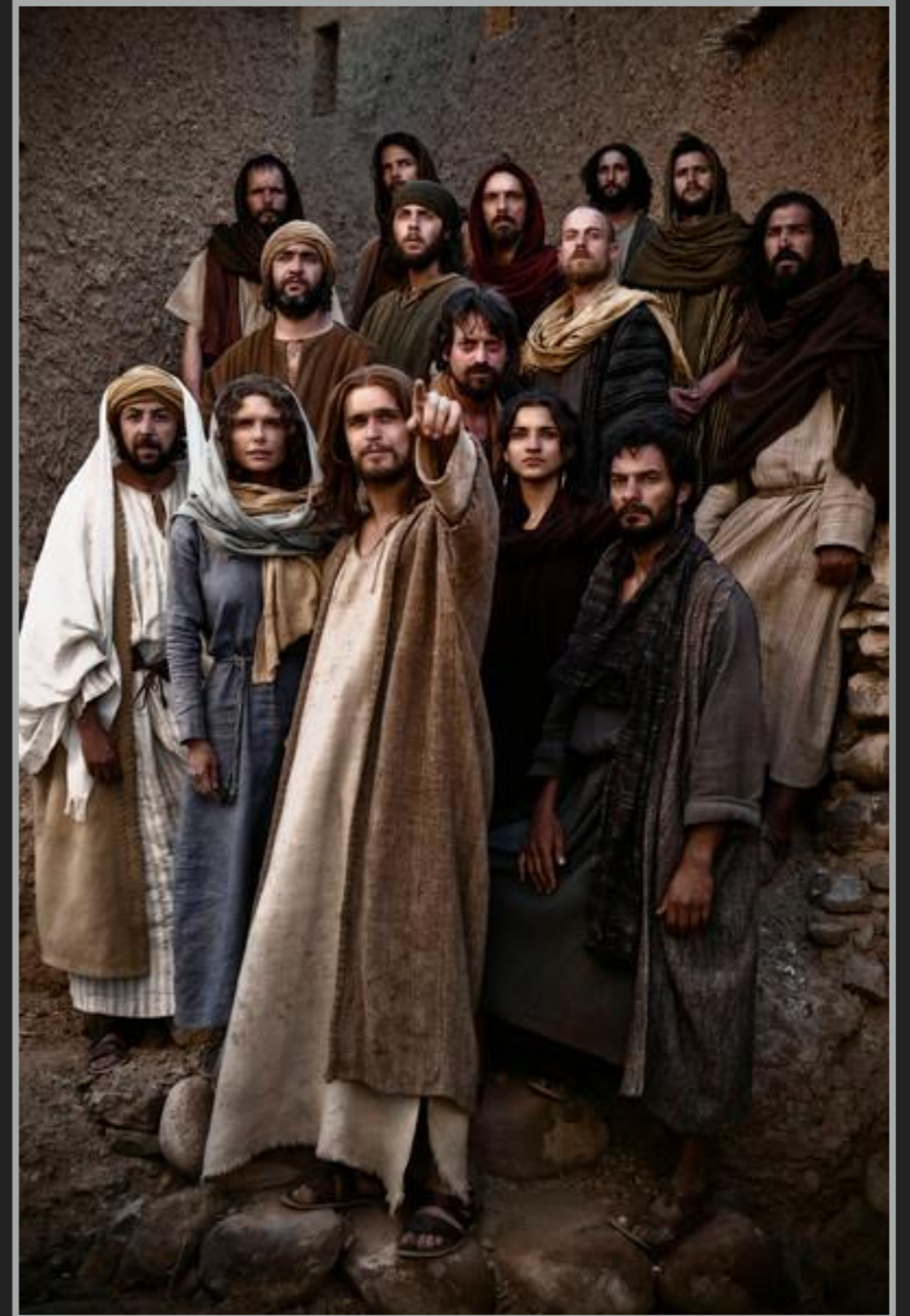
# INTRODUCTION

### A DISCIPLE

The Greek term μαθητής (*mathētēs*) refers generally to any “student,” “pupil,” “apprentice,” or “adherent,” as opposed to a “teacher.” In the ancient world, however, it is most often associated, with people who were devoted followers of a great religious leader or teacher of philosophy.

### A DISCIPLE

To follow Jesus.  
He is our Lord and Master.  
Devoted - - Fully given to Him and His teaching.



## HOW DOES THIS LOOK IN OUR RELATIONSHIP?

### VERSE 26

“If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.

TO HATE - I thought hating was a sin.

Jesus is #1



## HOW DOES THIS LOOK US PERSONALLY? VERSE 27

“And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”

## WHAT IS THE CROSS?

A symbol of pain & suffering

A symbol of death

## DEATH TO SELF – TO DENY YOURSELF

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Luke 9:23).





## HOW DOES THIS LOOK US PERSONALLY?

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## DEATH TO SELF – TO DENY YOURSELF

Count the cost of following Him. Are you willing to take up your cross and forsake your own interests for Christ's. It seems clear that then and now, people always struggle to put their own ideas, plans, ambitions and desires to death and exchange them for His.



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**IS CHRIST THE MASTER OF YOUR LIFE?**

**HAVE YOU PUT TO DEATH YOUR OWN PLANS & COMMITMENTS?**

**IS GOD #1 OR IS YOUR PLEASURE #1**

## DO WE, AS DISCIPLES, UNDERSTAND HOW TO COUNT THE COST? VERSE 28–30

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## FROM GOD’S PERSPECTIVE

**Matthew 7:24**

**“The foundation of our house”**

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**Philippians 1:6**

“being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

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## **FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE – KNOW THE EXPENSE OF OUR FAITH**

**Don’t stop short**

**Don’t quit**

**Know the ending point in this journey.**

## **WHAT WITNESS AND EXAMPLE ARE YOU GIVING?**

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## GOD’S PERSPECTIVE

Be aware of the battle before us. The battle against sin, the world and the devil.

Know how and where the power and strength of God fits.

Know that God has ultimately sent Christ Jesus to establish terms of peace in our stead.

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## KNOW THE PERIL OF OUR FAITH

**Spiritually**

**Practically**

## EXAMPLE: AS A CHAPLAIN

**I’ve have to count the cost.**

## ANOTHER REMINDER – GIVE UP EVERYTHING

### VERSE 33

“In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.”

Just to be clear on your ToDo list:

**I. Everything**

**II. Everything.**

**III. Everything.**

**Everything.**

Judson W. Van DeVenter (1855-1939)

All to Jesus I surrender

I surrender all,

I surrender all.

All to Thee, my blessed Savior,

I surrender all.

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## DON'T LOSE YOUR PURPOSE.

**As a Disciple you have a purpose.**

**Seasoning  
Preservative  
Disinfectant**

**Thrown into the streets**

### **Matthew 5:13 (Salt of the Earth)**

“You are the **salt** of the earth. But if the **salt** loses its **saltiness**, how can it be made **salty** again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out **and** trampled underfoot.”





# THE COSTS OF BEING A DISCIPLE