

Did Jesus Really Say That? Part 1

Following Jesus is not easy or safe. Salvation requires a decision, but following Jesus requires a _____.

God's ultimate goal for your life on earth is not comfort, but character development. He wants you to _____ spiritually and become like Christ.

Luke 14:25–33

"The meaning of 'hate' carries a comparative force here. The idea is not that we should hate our family or lives, but that in comparison to Jesus, if we are forced to choose, the winner in that choice should be Jesus."

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Jesus was not interested in attracting the crowds, rather His interest was in making disciples. He consistently called His followers to greater levels of commitment.

To follow Jesus...

1. Count the _____. Vs. 28–33
 - Salvation is free and is available through God's grace, but following Jesus will cost you _____.
2. Give Jesus first _____. Vs. 26
 - God is a jealous God. He wants nothing else to stand in the way of our complete, unwavering devotion to Him.
 - Matthew 6:33 – *"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*
3. Embrace the _____. Vs. 27
 - We are called to take up our cross daily and follow Jesus, which speaks to the ongoing process of spiritual _____ in our lives.

Luke 14:33 – *"Simply put, if you're not willing to take what is dearest to you, whether plans or people, and kiss it good-bye, you can't be my disciple."*

The Message

Answers: commitment; grow up; cost; everything; priority; process; transformation