

Dying to Live Radically



Luke 14:25-35



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- We might all have a bit of this in us
- Holding on to people and things that provide safety or comfort
- **RADICAL TOGETHER**
- Entertain the possibility that Christ has called us to more than this
- Do we believe that Christ is worth abandoning everything for?
- Do we believe that Christ is so good and satisfying that we can find all of our fullness in Him?



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²⁵Now 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. -LUKE 14:25-26



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- Christ knew He was headed to the cross
- He needs us to have the commitment necessary to follow
- Harsh language here that we try to get around
- A call to an unshared love



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- Hate isn't complete hatred; it's relative
- A disciple's love for God makes other love look like hate
- We've made a lot of Christianity all about families...but that's not quite true, is it?
- Christ always comes from the premise that we are self-lovers
- Will we follow there?
- Will we hate even that?



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²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. -LUKE 14:27



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- The cross brings a lot of different and even confusing words to our minds
- But it would have been very clear to Jesus' listeners
- This is the end of self-rule and self-love...will you follow even there?



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²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

-LUKE 14:28-30



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- Christianity isn't a flighty/emotional decision; it has massive repercussions
- Are you finishing what you started?



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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. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. -LUKE 14:31-33



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- Give up = Relinquishing control
- Find a battle-ready lifestyle, fund that, and give the rest away
- Live simply so you can give more and leave it all at any time
- The cost for you to not give it all is high...
- ...But higher for the lost and suffering and forgotten of this world
- They miss out on the joy of loving God forever



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- How can Christ make these absolute demands?
- Because He's God and has the right to demand it
- We've made salvation about a personal prayer
- It's a response to a call to abandon everything in exchange for pursuing Christ



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- The jarring, unspoken question from Christ is, “Now that I've clearly explained it, will you follow Me?”
- He won't necessarily ask for it all
- Will I follow Him if He does?



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- What are some things/people that you cling to for safety or comfort?
- Which ones are standing in the way of you being fully abandoned to Christ?
- Write down two



A close-up photograph of a stack of several pancakes. The pancakes are golden-brown and appear fluffy. They are covered in a thick, amber-colored syrup that is dripping down the sides and pooling at the bottom. The background is plain white.

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Tricia Zody (1903 Sterling
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