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**Part 3 —“Discipleship”**

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**1. Salvation is free but discipleship will cost you everything.**

“A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, “If you want to be my disciple, you must hate everyone else by comparison—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life.

Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.

“But don’t begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it? Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you. They would say, “There’s the person who started that building and couldn’t afford to finish it!”

“Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down with his counselors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could defeat the 20,000 soldiers marching against him? And if he can’t, he will send a delegation to discuss terms of peace while the enemy is still far away. So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own. Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? Flavorless salt is good neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. It is thrown away. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!” ~ Luke 14:25-33 (NLT)

Just to be very clear – Jesus wants to be your Savior and your Lord. He wants all of you.

- What do you have to give up to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Everything
- This is a sweet surrender.

**2. Discipleship takes a lifetime.**

“If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.” ~ Matthew 10:39 (NLT)

- It’s not just an eighteen week course it’s the rest of your life.
- Jesus doesn’t just want a percentage of your life. No, He wants all of your life.

**3. God did everything for us to have salvation. But discipleship is something we do with God.**

“And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me (Jesus), you cannot be my disciple.” ~ Luke 14:27 (NLT)

“That is why I am suffering here in prison. But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until the day of His return.” ~ II Timothy 1:12 (NLT)

“As the Scriptures tell us, ‘Anyone who trusts in Him will never be disgraced.’” ~ Romans 10:11 (NLT)

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**More Notes**

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