

**Summer at Epic - Part 9 - The Cost**  
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<sup>28</sup> “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? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you. <sup>30</sup> They would say, ‘There’s the person who started that building and couldn’t afford to finish it!’ – Luke 14:28-30

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” - Matthew 16:24

**The Cost**

**1) Am I willing to be SECOND?**

“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.” – Matthew 10:24

<sup>26</sup> “But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. <sup>28</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” – Matthew 20:26-28

**2) Am I willing to SURRENDER?**

<sup>21</sup> Jesus told him, “If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup> But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.  
– Matthew 19:21-22

**3) Am I willing to say YES?**

<sup>21</sup> A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. <sup>22</sup> They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind. – Matthew 4:21-22

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” - John 16:33