

# BUILT Different

SERMON SERIES: BUILT DIFFERENT

TODAY'S SERMON: COUNT THE COST

TEXT: LUKE 14:25-33

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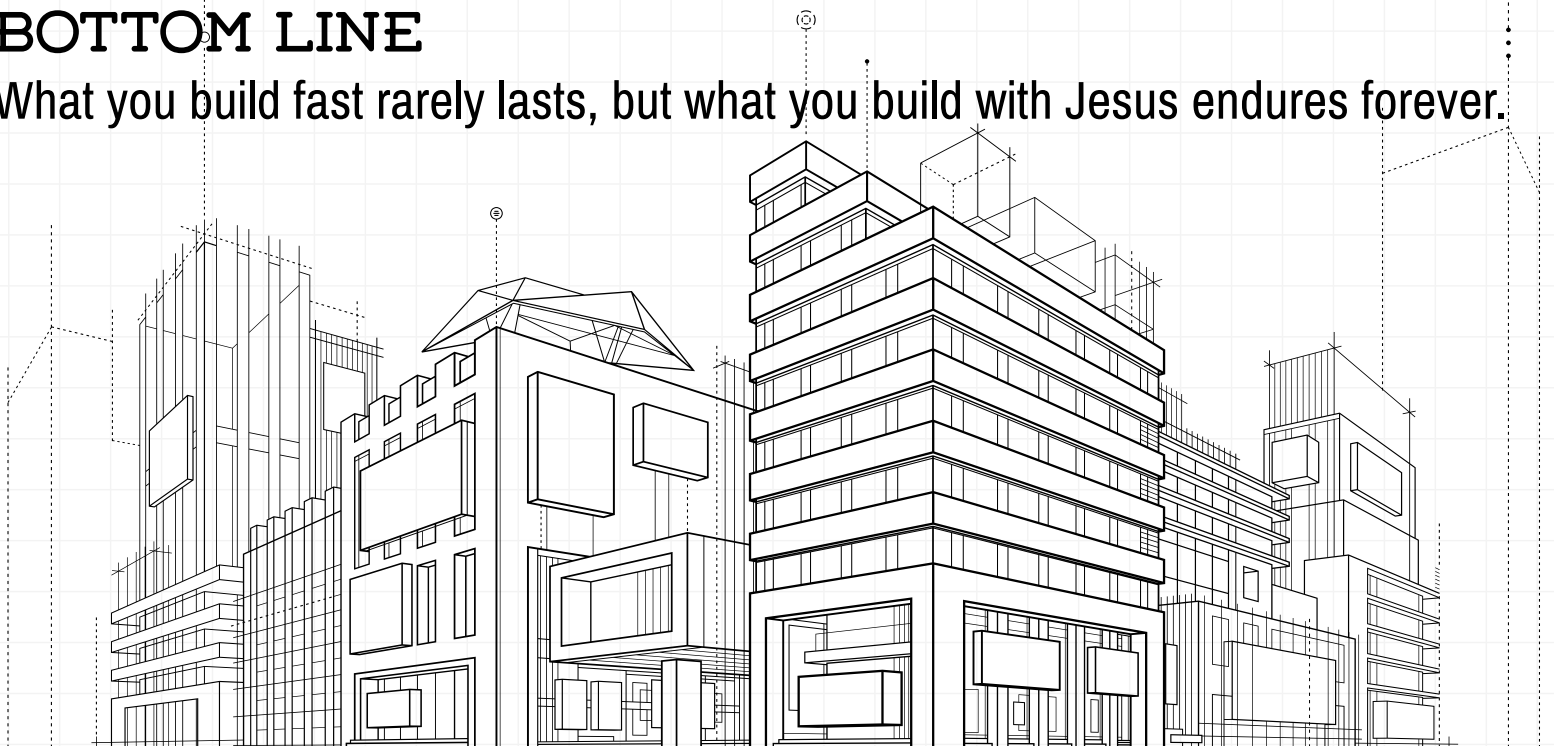
<sup>25</sup> Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> "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? <sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

<sup>31</sup> "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

## BOTTOM LINE

What you build fast rarely lasts, but what you build with Jesus endures forever.



## Truth for today:

1. Following Jesus requires intention, not impulse.
2. Cutting corners now invites collapse later.
3. You cannot follow Jesus halfway and expect to experience an abundant life.

## I. Measure Twice, Cut Once.

- Following Jesus is not impulsive. It's an investment.
- Depth requires daily decisions, not temporary inspiration.
- You can't build what lasts if you don't slow down long enough to count the cost.

## II. Don't Cut Corners.

- Our culture says that self-fulfillment is the ultimate goal. Jesus says, an abundant
- life doesn't come from self-fulfillment, but from self-denial.
- Cutting corners produces quick progress but unstable results.
- Obedience is the reinforcement that keeps your spiritual structure standing.

## III. Begin with the end in mind.

- Jesus is not calling for poverty. He is calling for priority.
- Disciples don't live for now. They live for next.
- You cannot build a forever life with a temporary mindset.

## APPLICATION/ REFLECTION

- What is Jesus asking you to count today? Consider: your habits, relationships, priorities, schedule, comfort, ambitions.





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