

Sermon: Disordered Loves

Lk 14:25-28

25 Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them,
26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife
and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be
My disciple. 27 And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me
cannot be My disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower,
does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish
it —

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-Discipleship is NOT an OPTION

And He turned and said to them...

*For those who want enough of Jesus to go to heaven but not so much that
your life is changed, and your lifestyle is altered ---- sorry, that offer is not
on the table!*

*For those who want enough of Jesus to avoid Hell, but not so much of
Jesus that you strive to be obedient, pure, forgiving, serving, giving all that
you are and all that you have to Him ---- sorry, that option just isn't here!*

Everyone is called to full, complete Discipleship.

-Call to Discipleship is an 'All-In Endeavor'

Jesus is not going to accept being something simply added to the life that
you have! He demands to be ALL OF YOUR LIFE!

He will not be another thing; He has to be the only thing!

He will not be one of many interests you have, a weekend hobby (when the others don't interfere), HE MUST BE SUPREME ABOVE ALL OTHER LOVES!

-Call to 'Disciple Love'

"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple."

Compared to our love for Jesus all other loves are lost!

Comparatively, our love for Jesus must dwarf every other love, to the degree that side-by-side, these loves are never seen!

Augustine said in Confessions that our problem is with 'disordered loves'.

He says the key to transformed character, a great life, courage, forgiveness, peace, to the great heart that you want to have lies in the 'right ordering of our loves!'

-Bear His Cross

Jn 6:67-68 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?"

68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life!