

## I. King Jesus' Radical Expectation (25-27)

- A. Jesus was unfazed by the crowd size (25) - “Now great crowds accompanied Him, and He turned and said to them...”
- B. Jesus confronts our loyalties (26) - “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother {earliest love} and wife and children {dearest love} and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life {strongest love}, he cannot be My disciple.”
- C. Jesus calls us to die to ourselves (27) - “Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.”

## II. The Kingdom's Radical Calculations (28-32)

- A. Something to consider (28a, 31a) - “For which of you, desiring to build a tower...Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war...” **Following Christ involves both building and battling**
- B. Something to calculate (28b, 31b) - “...does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?...will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?”
- C. Something to confront (29-32) - “Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish...’
  - 1. The potential for us burning out (29-30) - “Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’
  - 2. The possibility of us selling out (31c-32) - “And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.”

## III. Every Believer's Radical Prioritization (33-35)

- A. Who Jesus addresses (33a) - “So therefore, any one of you...” **In front of the large crowd, Jesus released the highest demand**
- B. What Jesus requires (33b) - “...who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple.”  
**Renounce - Apostasize your possessions; renounce the gospel of the culture, commit heresy against the gods of this age**
- C. What Jesus cautions (34-35) - “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”