## Counting the Cost, Luke 14:26-33

A disciple is a follower, not in the figurative sense, but in the literal sense. ]

Requirements For Being A Disciple:

Love the Lord more than anyone else

Make a life-long commitment to Christ that includes dying before you would renounce Christ.

"In every Christian's heart there is a cross and a throne, and the Christian is on the throne till he puts himself on the cross; if he refuses the cross, he remains on the throne. Perhaps this is at the bottom of the backsliding and worldliness among gospel believes today. We want to be saved, but we insist that Christ do all the dying. No cross for us, no dethronement, no dying. We remain king within the little kingdom of Man's soul and wear our tinsel crown with all the pride of a Caesar; but we doom ourselves to shadows and weakness and spiritual sterility." A.W. Tozer

Forsake all that you have

Count the cost

(Martin Luther Video)

"Salvation is free, but discipleship costs everything we have." - Billy Graham

Following Christ means you count the cost and willingly give up:

- 1. The pursuit of sin that everyone else in the world says is ok.
- 2. The labels, status, and citizenship that everyone else in the world is living by.
- 3. The definitions of success, wealth, and contentment that everyone else in the world is chasing.

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4. The plans and dreams that you have for yourself, your spouse, your children, and even your grandchildren.

It costs to follow Jesus Christ, but it costs more not to.