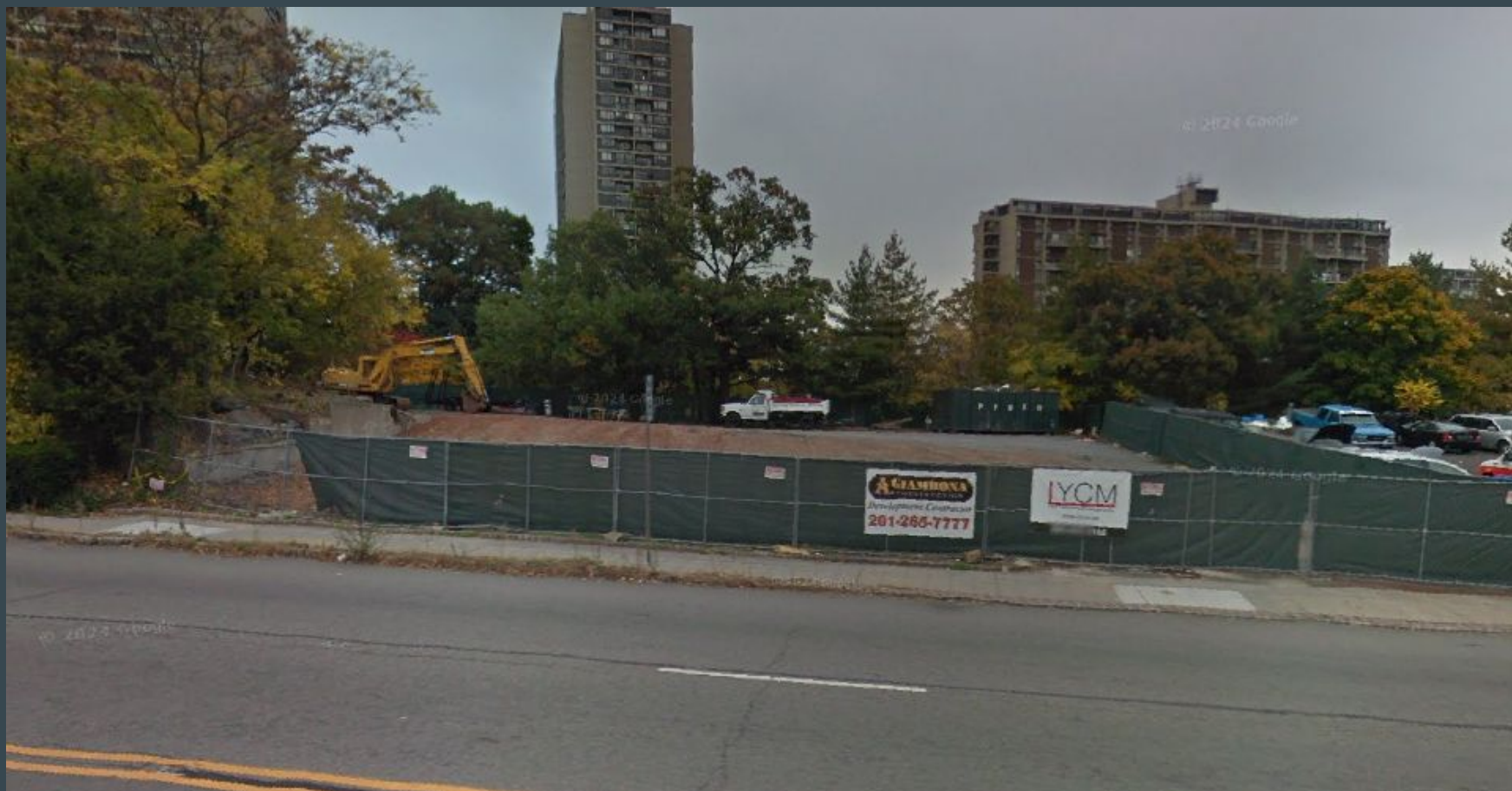


What's something you started but never finished?















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THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

**DO YOU KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE GETTING INTO?**

LUKE 14

Luke 14 ESV

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Luke 14 ESV

¹⁵ When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!”

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¹⁶ But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many.

¹⁷ And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

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Jesus calls out three things that get in the way:

Possessions

Work

Relationships

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We are invited to the **eternal heavenly** banquet.

But instead we feast on the temporary earthly banquet of:

Possessions *(money, material things)*

Work *(school, grades, performance)*

Relationships *(social status, friends, dating)*

Luke 14 ESV

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them,

²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

The call to discipleship must be taken seriously

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³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.

Luke 14 ESV

³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.