

Fear of Commitment

Series: Fear Not

"If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?" Luke 9:23-27

What we fear when it comes to the kind of commitment that leads to life is the cost.

Instead of being afraid of the cost maybe we need to be afraid of what it will cost us if we don't commit.

TRUE COMMITMENT IS WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE (Luke 9:57-58)

"In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples." Luke 14:33

Count the cost of what something will require before you say yes.

TRUE COMMITMENT REQUIRES YOU TO GIVE UP CONTROL (Luke 9:59-60)

He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Luke 9:59-60

True commitment to Jesus means we are dead to anything that He does not want for our lives.

TRUE COMMITMENT REQUIRES THAT YOU ARE ALL IN (Luke 9:61-62)

Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." Luke 9:61-62

When we look back, we are not fully emotionally invested.