

Sunday, June 18, 2023
COUNT THE COST
PART 2: A FINISHER'S ANOINTING

Today is part two of our study, "Count the Cost." This study is intended to help us fulfill the will of God – to get to the "finish line" if you will successfully. Indispensable to this effort is "relational revival." We talked about that last week. Your relationships are created to assist you in fulfilling the will of God for your life. They cannot do that unless they operate in the priority that God designed for them. If they operate contrary to that priority, they lose the power to bless you and begin to enslave you. Today, we talk about part two of "counting the cost" to the will of God: A finisher's anointing. With the lesson of relational revival in mind, let's move on:

[Luke 14:28-35 \(NKJV\)](#)

Last week, we learned how "hate" plays a part in fulfilling the will of God. Today, we talk about how "forsaking" plays an important role in God's will. Jesus said, "so likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple." What in the world does that mean?

Forsake: bid farewell, take leave, send away.

This is another statement of priority. It does not always mean that we must "get rid of" something. But it does mean that in relation to doing God's will, everything else takes a "back seat." Some things have such a hold on our hearts that we literally cannot live together with them. To go forward in the will of God, we must get rid of them. This is part of what the Lord calls "counting the cost" in doing God's will.

A finisher's anointing is dispatched to those who are willing to get rid of/send away that which is taking away from what is needed to do God's will.

A finisher's anointing also includes reducing/increasing the value of what we possess to be sure that all assets are paying toward the goal of God's will.

Not being able to finish usually is the result of keeping that which should be sent away or placing too high a price on that which should be reduced and too low a price on that which should be highly valued. According to Jesus,

an error in value places us in a place of détente with the enemy – we must compromise instead of overcome. Remember Jesus comparing His disciples to salt?

Matthew 5:13 (NKJV)

We are compared to salt because of our distinct/unique flavor as believers. We also are an agent of preservation just like salt. If we lose what makes us salt, we are no longer of use to the kingdom. We begin to be trampled by people's opinions of us and their desires for us.

“Losing our flavor” comes because of failure to properly align relationships into godly priority and failure to apply the proper value to the things of life.

How many of you want to avoid the “dunghill” of life? Properly count the cost.

Today's Scriptures:

- Luke 14:28-35 (NKJV)
- Matthew 5:13 (NKJV)