

# Making Room for Life

## Making Room to Unleash Compassion

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*John 10:10* - The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Making room to unleash compassion is a struggle.

*Luke 14:25-26* - Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters – yes, even his own life – he cannot be my disciple."

1. He's \_\_\_\_\_ saying anybody should actually hate anybody.
2. He's saying that Unleashing Compassion for Him is a really \_\_\_\_\_ rock.

Being on mission (unleashing compassion) calls on a person to give what God wants us to do in this world, the place of unparalleled, unprecedented, unsurpassed absolute priority in our life.

*Luke 14:27* - And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

3. He's saying that to be on mission for Him is going to call on us to make \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifices that we otherwise would not make.

*Luke 14:28-33* - "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup> For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup> "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple."

4. What He's saying could be interpreted like this: " \_\_\_\_\_  
Me if you're not willing to go to that extreme, if you end up needing to."

Why?

Jesus didn't come into the world just so folks could be forgiven and go to heaven when they die, and become better, nicer people in the meantime. He came to change the world. He came to set things right: to reach people who are far from God. He is calling on you to change the world, and that's not going to happen by just a small rock that you want to fit in around the edges of your jar (if there just happens to be some room left for it).

**Challenge: Contribute your \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_ every week between now and Easter.**

What stops us from serving like Jesus?

*Mark 9:30-34* - They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, <sup>31</sup> **because he was teaching his disciples.** He said to them, "**The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him,** and after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. <sup>33</sup> They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "**What were you arguing about on the road?**" <sup>34</sup> **But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.**

1. Being \_\_\_\_\_.

*Mark 9:35*- Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."

2. Being \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 20:30-32* - Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" <sup>31</sup> The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" <sup>32</sup> Jesus **stopped** and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

Prayer: Lord I want to put your BIG ROCK FIRST and make myself AVAILABLE.

Look for opportunities to \_\_\_\_\_.

Look for short terms opportunities.

Look for long terms opportunities.

Look for ASAP opportunities.