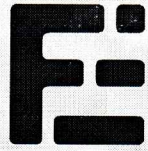


LK 14:25-35
MT 24:12, 45-47

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FRESH ENCOUNTER

BECOMING A DISCIPLE

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"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. 27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? 29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, 30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. 31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? 32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace. 33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:26-35)

INTRODUCTION

- Mt 24 Olivet Discourse - the last days - sign of Jesus Coming again
- Mt 24:12 Because lawlessness will multiply, love of many grew cold
- Mt 24:45-47 faithful & wise servant... servant doing his job when master comes? servant blessed & rewarded

"From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. 67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?" (John 6:66-67)

Quote: "Disciple-making is the central work of the people of Christ's church, the work of bringing men and women to a saving relationship to Jesus Christ and of helping them grow in His knowledge and likeness."

- Criteria of true disciple

1. A Love FOR THE MASTER (v. 26)

Love God with agape love
A. In comparison → LOVES [agape - God's sacrificing
philadelphia - brotherly
eros - sexual erotic
"He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me:
and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."
(Matthew 10:37) Distracted direction

B. In comprehension

My God
"For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee." (Isaiah 41:13) Love without fear
- Ps 23:1 the Lord is my shepherd

2. A Service FOR THE MASTER (v. 27)

Live for God
"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 14 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again." (2 Corinthians 5:14-15) live not for self

A. Bear the Cross (MK 10:21) take up your cross

Quote: "There is a great difference between realizing, 'On that Cross He was crucified for me,' and 'On that Cross I am crucified with Him.' The one aspect brings us deliverance from sin's condemnation, the other from sin's power."

3 ASPECTS OF "BEARING THE CROSS"

1. Denial of Self

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)

2. Denial of Self Will

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:1-2)

Quote: "I have now concentrated all my prayers into one, and that one prayer is this, that I may die to self, and live wholly to Him." - C.H. Spurgeon

choice
Count
the cost

Mk 10:21
Follow
Me (Jesus)

Mt 16:24 If any man come after Me,
let him deny himself & take up his cross,
& follow Me (Jesus)

3. Expectation of Persecution

"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (2 Timothy 3:12)

Quote: "A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing, is worth nothing."—**Martin Luther**

B. Come After Me

COME TO HIM THROUGH THE STUDY OF HIS WORD.

study
Scriptures
daily

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11)

COME TO HIM THROUGH DAILY PRAYER

Pray
always

"Pray without ceasing." (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;"
(Colossians 4:2)

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;"
(Ephesians 6:18)

COME TO HIM IN LOCAL CHURCH WORSHIP Heb 13:15-16

sacrifice
of praise

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25)

Rem 11:17

COME TO HIM THROUGH OBEYING HIS WORD

plant
grafts
(bestiles)

"Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. 21 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." (James 1:21-22)

doers
of the
Word

Quote: "[Discipleship] training cannot be done on a mass scale. It requires patient, careful instruction and prayerful, personal guidance over a considerable time. Disciples are not manufactured wholesale. They are produced only one by one, because someone has taken the pains to disciple, to instruct and enlighten, to nurture and train one that is younger."—**Oswald Sanders**

3. A Surrender **FOR THE MASTER** (v. 33)

A. Surrender Our position

- surrender my expectations

"The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. 25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?" (Matthew 10:24-25)

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:2)

B. Surrender Our lives

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." (Romans 12:1)

Quote: "Let God have your life; He can do more with it than you can." — **D.L. Moody**

CONCLUSION

- Disciple follows God's rules
- * not my wishes
- * not society's fads
- * what feels good against God's rules

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- Cost of disciple



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