

# COUNT THE COST

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Is Jesus #1 in your life? Jesus made you his biggest priority, he renounced all for you without excuse, because you're worth everything to Him. Join us this week as we explore how we can show our appreciation to our Lord, by giving our soul's loyalty to Him.

## Luke 14:16-33

**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.' **18** But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' **19** And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' **20** And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' **21** So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' **22** And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' **23** And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. **24** For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

## The Cost of Discipleship

**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. **28** For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? **29** Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, **30** saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' **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. **33** So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

Reflecting on the sermon, what quote did Vicar Drake's Grandma share? What was the number one thing she wanted to be remembered for? (Bonus, what was the Synod's tagline for the 500th Reformation celebration?)

What is the one thing you would like to be remembered for?

What excuses do people make to decline Jesus' invitation in Luke 14:18-20? What excuses do you hear today?

What do you truly treasure in your heart?

In what ways do we not put Jesus' desires first; how can we make him priority over our own wants?

How did Jesus show us that we are his priority?

In his sacrifice on the cross, Jesus shows he makes us a priority. How else in his daily forgiveness of us? What other acts has he done?

What excuses could Jesus have made instead of suffering for you, and why might that have been easier for him?

Since he chose you, what does that say about how he values you as a priority?