But Is It Worth The Cost?

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INTRODUCTION

- This lesson will be a success if we could cultivate in all of us the attitude that David had in relation to what God asked us to give him.
- I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God, which cost me nothing.
- He understood that there was a price to be paid in service to the Lord. And it was an acceptable price to David.

1 Truth: The Very Real Cost of Discipleship

Luke 9:57–62; Luke 14:25–33; Matthew 16:25

- Jesus was very upfront with his disciples about the cost that would be involved in following him.
- No one after putting his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God. God's will is top priority.
- Jesus has to come before every human relationship, even the preservation of self.
- But if he does not come first, he says, you cannot be my disciple.
- Becoming a Christian is not just about doing a few things to please God and be saved. It's instead about coming to the Lord on His terms fully.
- Whatever the cost is that's involved in our service to the Lord, we have God's assurance. It's going to be worth it.

2 Danger: The Attempt of Cost Reduction

2 Corinthians 8:9

- I want to warn you about the danger. The danger of the attempt of cost reduction.
- But remember, regardless of what you call it, Jesus says, you cannot be my disciple.
- You're either gonna love God or you're gonna love the world, and there's no middle ground in there where you can sort of love both sides.
- What's the least I can do and get by? Minimums do not work.
- That though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich.
- Not only does this approach of minimums not please the Lord, it doesn't benefit you either.

3 Weigh the Cost: Is It Worth It?

Luke 12:20; 1 Corinthians 5:7

- The cost of eternal banishment from the presence of God is far greater than any cost associated with serving Him.

- The cost of your impact upon the lives and souls of others. The people that could have been influenced if you had paid the cost.
- God's paid the greater cost.
- The only way we can escape death is because of Christ's shed blood.
- What kind of price tag are you going to put on the fact that we know the Lord?
- He said, You shall have treasure in heaven. And I'll tell you, that has to be apprehended by faith.

THE CHALLENGE

So, what choice will you make? If you make the choice to enlist as a soldier of the kingdom, you cannot make a better choice in your life.

MY NOTES