



**Christ is above all!**

**Luke 14: 25 - 35**

# **The Cost of Discipleship**

- **Now great crowds accompanied Him...**
- **Sit down first & Count the cost**
  - **Cost to build a tower? (Luke 15:28-30)**
  - **Cost to enter a war? (Luke 15: 31-32)**



# Cost? - Christ is above all!

## ○ Christ is above:

○ 1. **All *'Relationships'*** (Luke 14:26)

○ 2. **All *'Self'* or *'I'*** (Luke 14:27)

○ 3. **All *'Possessions'*** (Luke 14:33)

# 1. Christ is above Relationships

- **Luke 14:26** ref *Matthew 10:37-38*
- **“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children...**
- *“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me. And...*



# **1.Christ is above 'Relationships'**

## 2. Christ is above 'I'

- **Luke 14:27** ref *Luke 9:23*
- **Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.**
- *If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up the cross daily and follow me.*



## **2. Christ is above 'I'**

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# 3. Christ is above 'possessions'

- **Luke 14:33** ref *Matthew 6:24*
- **So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.**
- *"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."*

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- Discipleship – Christ is above everything!(R.I.P)
- *He is above all 'Relationships' (R)*
- *He is above all 'I' (I)*
- *He is above all 'Possessions' (P)*



# Christ is above all! Worth it?!

- “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.” (John 6:34)
- “I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)
- ***“CHRIST is above all – Relationships(R), self(I) and Possessions(P)!”***

# Christ is above all – R.I.P

- **Disciples are salt of the world? Or church?**
- “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?...It is thrown away.” (Luke 14:34-35)



# Christ is above all - Prayer

“I am no longer my own, but Yours. Put me to what You will, rank me with whom You will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for You or laid aside for You, exalted for You or bought low for You; let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and heartily yield all things to Your pleasure and disposal.”

○ -Prayer by John Wesley