

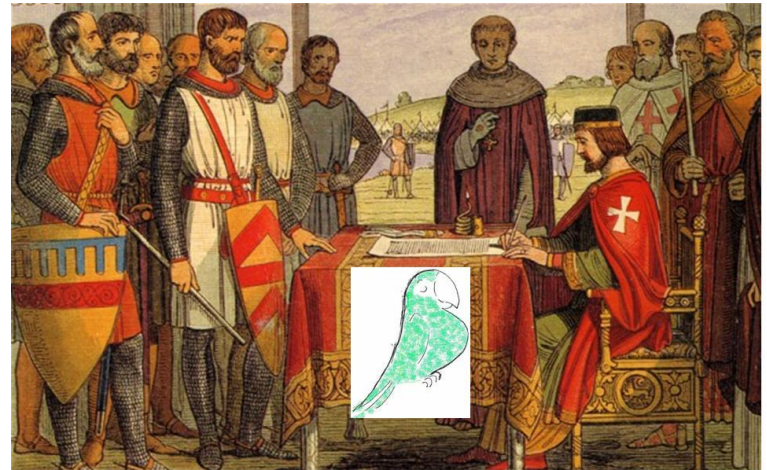
Today's Message

03-27-2022



Counting the Cost

Luke 14:25-33



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Many people want to follow Jesus,
because they love the miracles, healing, and free food.
Jesus was cool, the talk of the town, and the latest fad.
But here is a parable that Jesus taught his followers:



Luke 14:25-33

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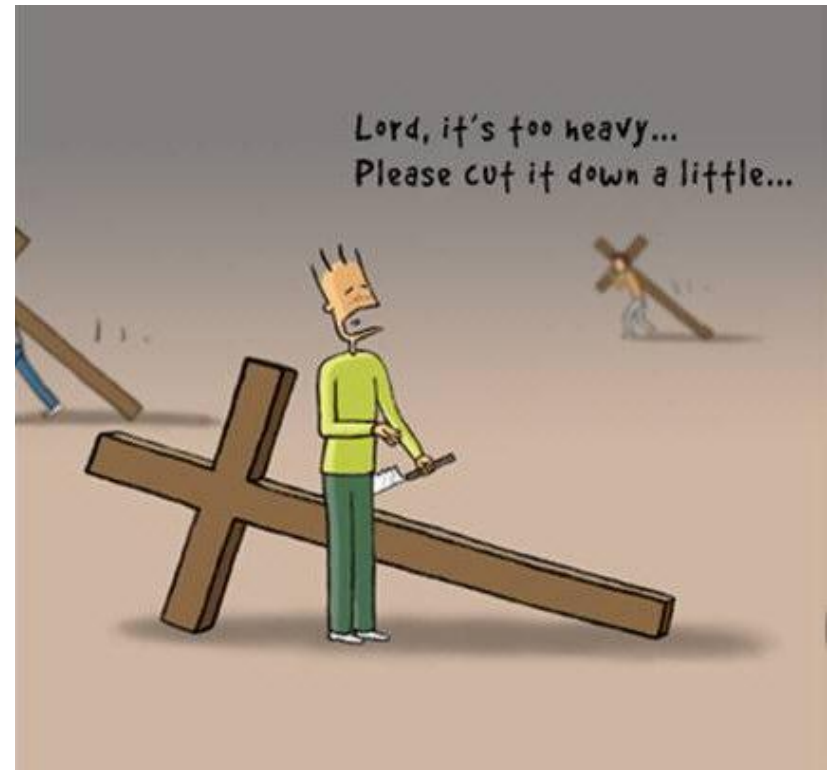
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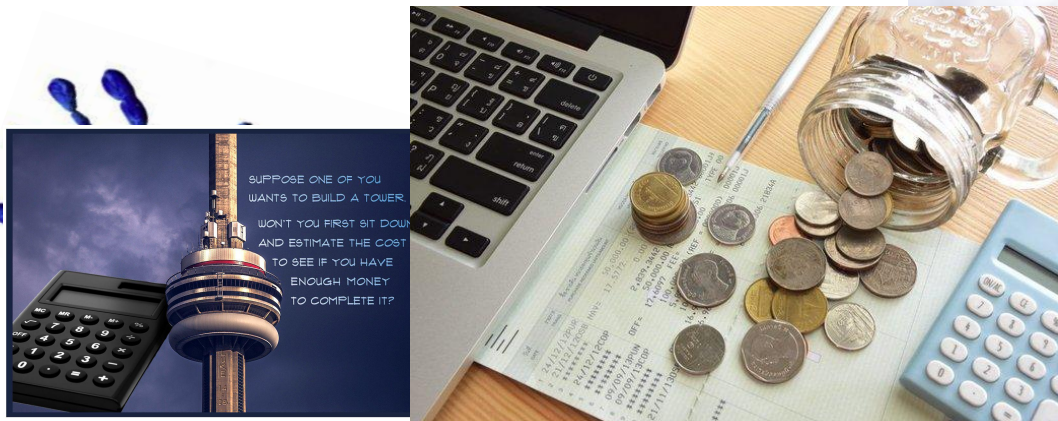
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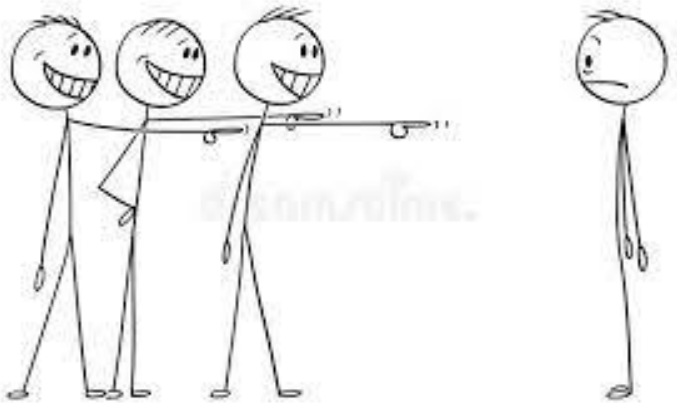
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29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you,



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30 saying, This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.



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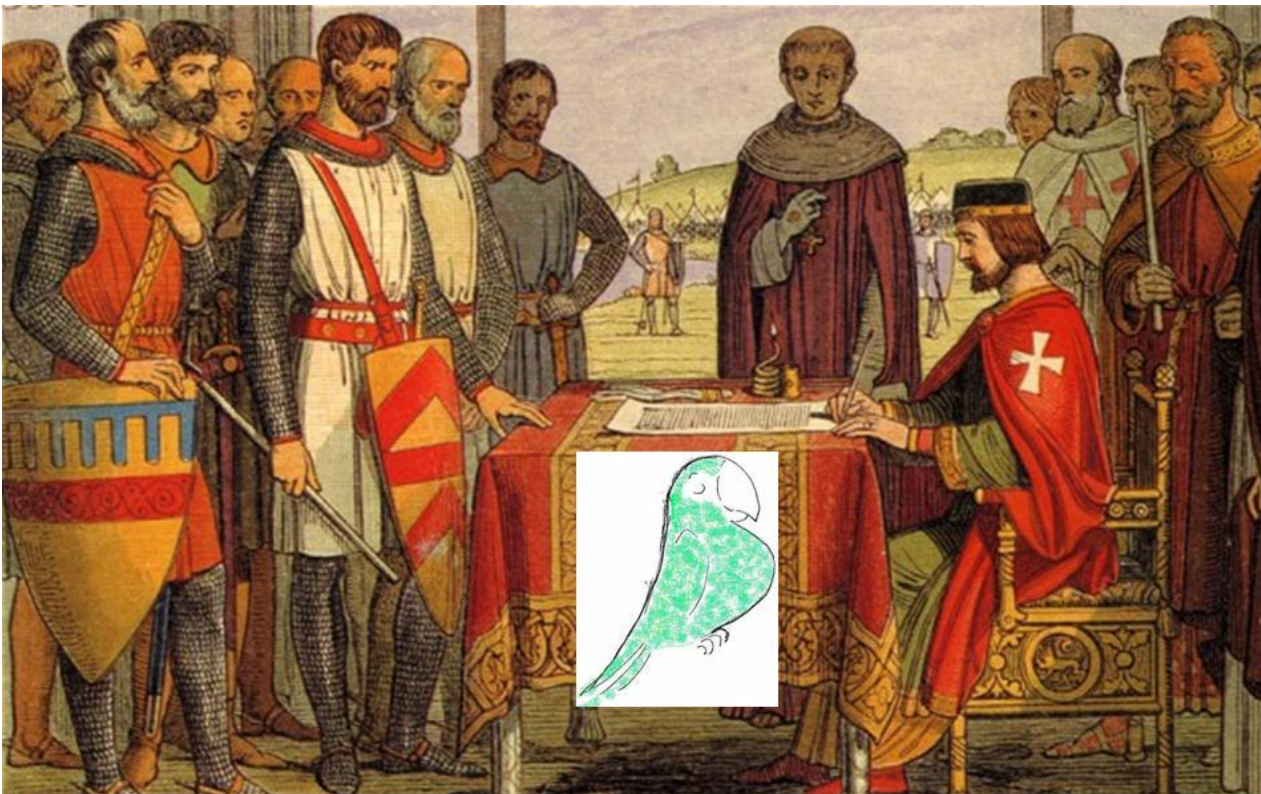
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31 “ Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand?



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32 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.



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33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Luke 14:26

"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."



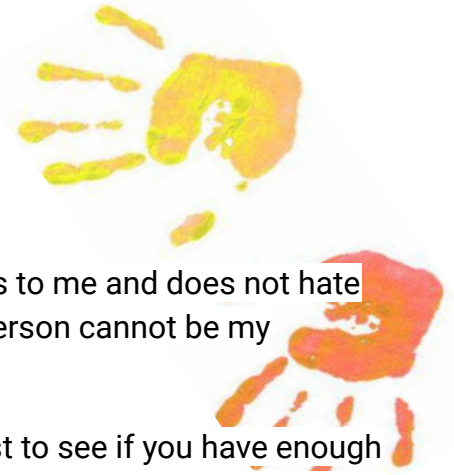
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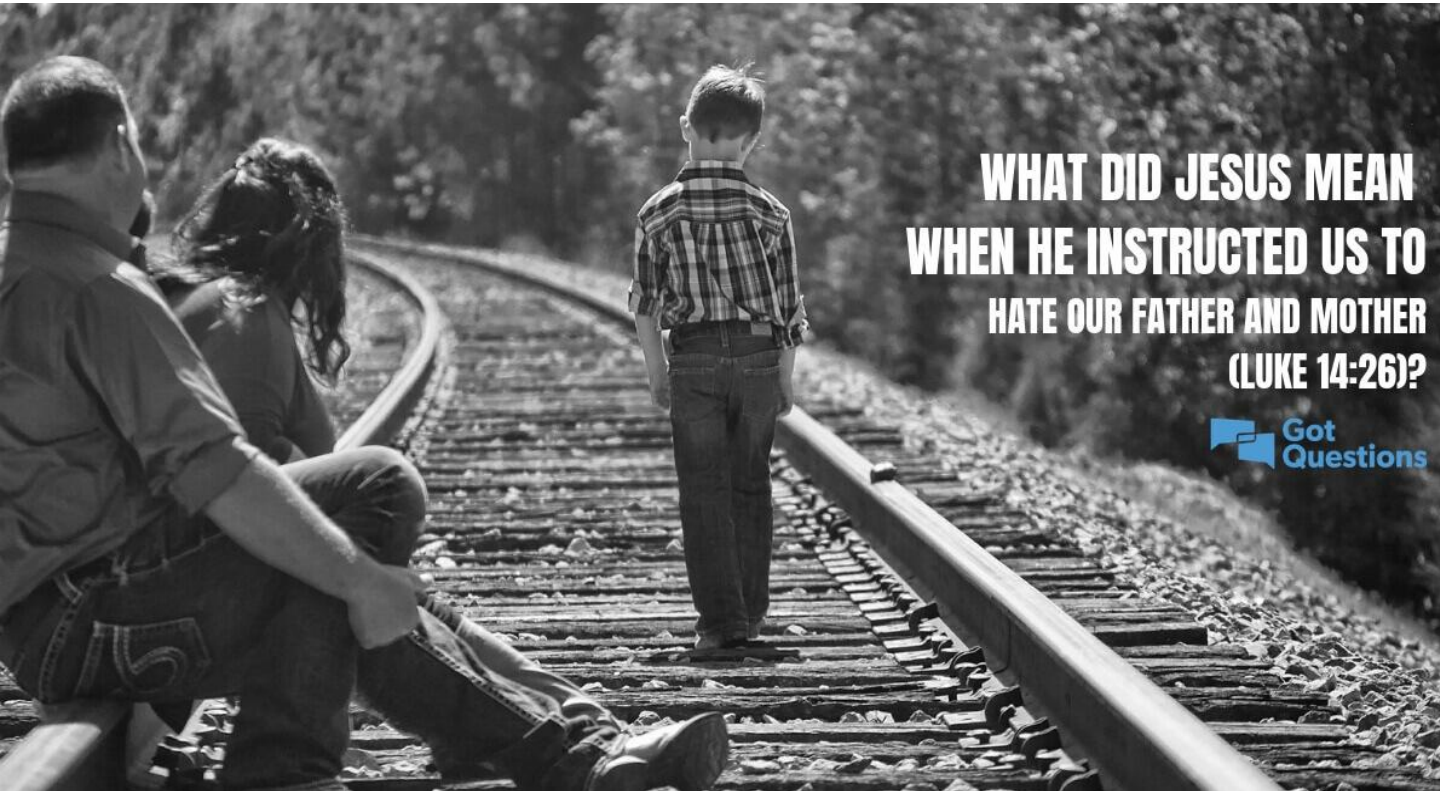
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It is not about the hatred in your altercation but the hatred of the worldly life style.



What can we learn from the Parable?



1. **“Counting the cost”** means you must seriously thinking about it before making decision to follow Jesus.
2. Following Jesus is not merely a flash with an emotion but also a long term mental and spiritual decision.
3. To follow Jesus is a lifelong determination.
4. If you are not ready, do not make the decision but **counting the cost**.



Rom 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God -- this is your spiritual act of worship. (Rom12:1 NIV)

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -- his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Rom12:2 NIV)



I have decided to follow Jesus;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S8jvfdDtoqY>

Lyrics

I have decided to follow Jesus; (x3)
No turning back, no turning back.

Tho' none go with me, I still will follow, (x3)
No turning back, no turning back.

My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus; (x3)
No turning back, No turning back.

4. The world behind me, the cross before me, (x3)
No turning back, no turning back.



Let us pray



Dear Jesus,

We love you more than the world and parents and thing we have. You are our best friend. Nothing can compare with you. We want to follow you not just because of fun but because of your unconditional love.

Thank you for your being with us. Thank you for your providence that is more than what we wanted.

May your Kingdom come and your name be glorified. Pray in name of Jesus, Amen

End



