

Jesus Uncut

Week #1: Terms and Conditions Apply

Text: Luke 14:25-35

- Matthew 7:28 - *The crowds were amazed at his teaching*
Luke 8:37 - *They were overcome with fear.*
Luke 4:28 - *All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this.*
John 15:24 - *They have hated both me and my Father.*

The Conditions for Following Jesus

1. When it comes to being Jesus' disciple, **love** is not optional!
 - John 13:34,35 - *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*
 - 1 John 4:20,21 - *Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar...21 And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.*

Jesus Uncut - Say What #1

- Luke 14:25-27 - *25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: 26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.*

Love your **enemies**...but hate your **family**.

2. When it comes to being Jesus' disciple, **loss** is not optional. (there is a cost)
 - Luke 14:27-33 - *27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? 29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, 30 saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' 31 "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. 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? 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. 33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.*
 - Matthew 10:37-39 - *"Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.*

"A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing, is worth nothing." (Martin Luther)

Points to Ponder

- 1) What was your 1st & gut reaction to Jesus saying you need to hate your family to be his disciple? Why is that - because you don't understand it, don't like it, or because you realize it might be an issue for you that is hindering you from being all in with Jesus?
- 2) What is the issue of the heart Jesus is calling us to address when it comes to being his disciple? Is this an issue of your heart? If so, what relationships are hindering you walk with Jesus and why?
- 3) React to and discuss Martin Luther's quote in the notes. What is your take away and why?

Homework for next week: Mark 10