



True Stories #4  
Count the Cost, Luke 15:25-33  
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<sup>18</sup> “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because **you are not of the world**, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. John 15:18-19 (ESV)

Two Reasons For This Rejection:

- I love Jesus more than I \_\_\_\_\_.
- I’m different & won’t \_\_\_\_\_.

2) I need to \_\_\_\_\_ before I commit my life to Jesus.

<sup>28</sup> 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? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup> 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? <sup>32</sup> And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. Luke 14:28-32 (ESV)

Questions to Answer:

- How much will following Jesus \_\_\_\_\_?

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- Am I willing to impose this price on those I \_\_\_\_\_?

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. Mark 10:29-30 (ESV)

- Am I willing to lose loved ones and \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ’s sake?

<sup>59</sup> To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup> Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.” Luke 9:59-62 (ESV)

- Am I willing to both \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord?

<sup>7</sup> For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.

<sup>8</sup> For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. Romans 14:7-8 (ESV)

3) If I say yes to all these then I’m ready to become a disciple of Jesus.



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