

Insights from Luke

#58: "Some Hard Saying of Christ"  
Luke 14:25-35

C.S. Lewis from *Mere Christianity*

Today's Text  
**Luke 14:25-35**

**Luke 14:25**  
“<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them....”

**Luke 14:26**  
“<sup>26</sup> If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.”

**Malachi 1:2-3**  
“<sup>2</sup> ‘I have loved you,’ says the Lord. But you say, ‘How have You loved us?’ ‘Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?’ declares the Lord. ‘Yet I have loved Jacob; <sup>3</sup> but I have hated Esau, and I have made his mountains a desolation and appointed his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness.’”

**Genesis 29:31**

“<sup>31</sup> Now the Lord saw that Leah was unloved, and He opened her womb, but Rachel was barren.”

“To hate one’s family is to prefer God over them by disregarding what they desire that conflicts with what God requires; it is to love God more and them less.” – MacArthur,

“No man can be a true disciple of Christ, to whom Christ is not dearer than what is dearest to him in the world.” – Thomas Boston

**Luke 14:27**

“<sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.”

**Luke 13:28-32**

“<sup>28</sup> For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup> Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand men to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.”

Real life example

A military example

**Luke 14:33**

“<sup>33</sup> So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.”

“Every one of you who does not say goodbye to all he has cannot be a disciple of mine.”

**Luke 14:34-35**

“<sup>34</sup> Therefore, salt is good; but if even salt has become tasteless, with what will it be seasoned? <sup>35</sup> It is useless either for the soil or for the manure pile; it is thrown out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

**The cruciform life is synonymous with being a Christian.**

**We can not earn our salvation, but being a disciple of Christ costs us everything – our time, talent, and treasure.**

**We never know when God is going to ask us to give of that which was entrusted to us for a season.**

**Be generous now in order to be ready for God's future request of cross-bearing.**