

“Committing Our Life to God”
Luke 14:25-33

Today’s Focus: “God First”

Food for Thought: “God Calls Us to the Consecrated Life”

Carrying a Cross

1. In Exodus 20:5 God says, “I am a jealous God.”
2. God wants to be first in our lives.
3. God expects us to love Him with our whole heart.

Many Followers—Few Disciples

1. Christianity is based on a relationship with God and our fellow human beings.
2. The Lord wants us to follow Him because we love Him—more than anything or anybody else.
3. We consecrate ourselves to God and give Him His rightful place at the center of our world.

The Bottom Line (Verse 33)—Giving Up Possessions

1. At the top of the list of things we need to do to move *Forward in Faith* would be opening our hearts fully to the Holy Spirit.

“Commitment, by its nature, frees us from ourselves and, while it stands us in opposition to some, it joins us with others similarly committed. Commitment moves us from the mirror trap of the self absorbed with the self to the freedom of a community of shared values.”

—Michael Lewis



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What does it mean to be committed to something? Here's what a few have said about the subject:

A person with half volition goes backwards and forwards, but makes no progress on even the smoothest of roads. —Thomas Carlyle

Unless commitment is made, there are only promises and hopes; but no plans. —Peter F. Drucker

The uncommitted life isn't worth living. —Marshall Fishwick

Commitment to a cause is never easy. Perhaps that's why we don't see it evidenced a lot in the world around us. But commitment to God is critical if we—individually and collectively—are to move Forward in Faith.

Today, I'll be speaking from a passage of scripture (Luke 14:25-33), where Jesus talks about the price of commitment. This teaching—and what Jesus meant—has stirred much controversy throughout the centuries. Let's examine it together to see if we can learn the truth God wants to share with us.

As you approach worship this morning, I'd like you to consider how deeply your life is committed to the things of God. Is God calling you to go deeper in the life of consecration?

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