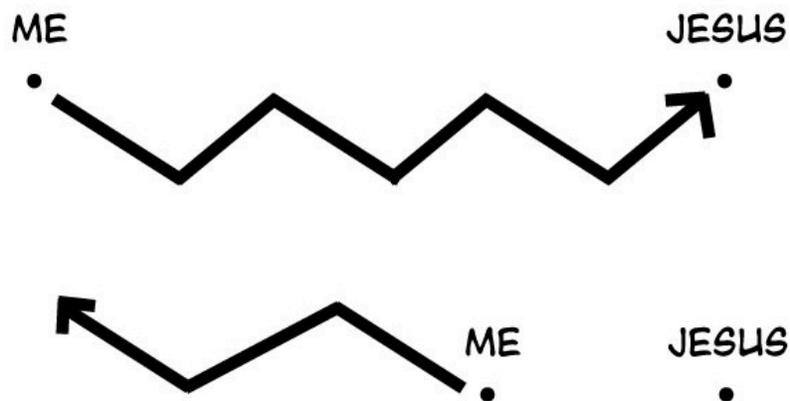


Series: Parabolic Mirrors
Message: The Story Of Surrender
Scripture: Luke 14:25-35
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Matthew 7:13-14

¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.

¹⁴ "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.



Luke 14:25

²⁵ Now large crowds were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them,

1. The Requirements For Being A Follower Are Extremely Severe.

1.1 It Requires A Reprioritizing Of One's Relationships. (Christ out front of everyone)

Luke 14:26

²⁶ "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."

1.2 It Requires A Reprioritizing Of One's Ambitions. (Christ out front of ego)

Luke 14:27

²⁷ "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple."

Luke 9:23-26

²³ And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me."

²⁴ "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it."

²⁵ "For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?"

²⁶ "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels."

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"Putting oneself in the position of a condemned man on his way to execution."

Herodotus quote

"Herodotus claimed that the bitterest sorrow a man can know is to aspire to do much and to achieve little. Not so. The bitterest sorrow is to aspire to do much and to do it, and then to discover it was not worth the doing."

1.3 It Requires A Reprioritizing Of One's Possessions. (Christ Out Front Of Everything)

Luke 14:33

³³ "So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions."

2. The Reasons For Such Severity Are Two-Fold.

Luke 14:28-33

²⁸ *"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?"*

²⁹ *"Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him,*

³⁰ *saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'*

³¹ *"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?"*

³² *"Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.*

³³ *"So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.*

2.1 For The Sake Of Those Who Are Considering Following.

2.2 For The Sake Of Christ's Mission.

Matthew 16:18

¹⁸ *"I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.*

Luke 14:34-35

³⁴ *"Therefore, salt is good; but if even salt has become tasteless, with what will it be seasoned?"*

³⁵ *"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."*