



Sermon Devotional: Luke 14:25-33

Counting the Cost: The Surprising Truth About Following Jesus

We all count the cost in life. But what about our faith? In Luke 14, Jesus tells us to count the cost of following Him. But here's the twist: He's not asking us to second-guess our decision.

This past weekend at the racetrack, Eli and I had a significant breakthrough. After weeks of struggling with his racing car's performance, we connected with a knowledgeable gentleman who shared valuable tips to improve the car setup. Surprisingly, he pointed out that the car wasn't the issue—Eli needed to focus on smoother driving. When Eli applied these insights, he raced better and faster, proving the power of focus.

Reflecting on this, I saw a parallel to our spiritual lives. Like Eli's oversteering, we often lose focus on Jesus when life's challenges disrupt us. The Apostle Paul, despite being imprisoned, maintained unwavering focus on Christ and his mission, inspiring others to live boldly in faith.

We're reminded that Jesus calls us to keep him at the center, not as an afterthought, so we can give away the "gold"—the Gospel and hope we've received. As life's distractions mount, we need to remain laser-focused on sharing the good news and living with purpose, even amidst uncertainty.

Things to think about

What distractions in your life might be causing you to lose focus on Jesus?

How can you practice smoother, steadier "driving" in your faith journey?

What are some ways you can boldly give away the "gold" God has entrusted to you this week?