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Good Salt

Luke 14:25-35

Who Cannot Be His Disciple?

Repeated three times: **vs. 26, 27, & 33**

One who does not hate family and own life: **vs. 26**

One who does bear his own cross and come after me: **vs. 27**

One who does not renounce all he has: **vs. 33**

“Cannot” as permission or ability?

Counting the Cost

Building a tower: **vs. 28-30**

Considering engaging in battle or asking for peace: **vs. 31-32**

The slight difference between the two scenarios (Leon Morris)

Good Salt

Sodium Chloride cannot but taste salty

So “salt” that loses its saltiness is a “salt mix” in which the sodium chloride has been extracted

This leftover assortment of minerals is randomized and unfit for specific function

Following Jesus is sodium chloride and will have salt-like impact on the world: **see Matt 5:13-16**

Faux discipleship is like the leftover assortment: it is an ineffective mixture: **Revelation 3:16**

How Does All This Metaphor Translate into My Actual Daily Existence?

Were I given the choice I would give all for Jesus; imagination and desire

What particular behaviors in my current life exist only as obedient responses to Jesus?

The choice of the will, marked by a covenant (baptism)

The only tongue that can tell if we are really the salt we think we are is Jesus: **1 Cor 4:1-5**

With humans this is impossible, but with God all things are possible: **Matthew 19:23-26**

Examples of Sold Out:

Pig and Chicken

Top Olympic Athlete: Simon Biles

Soldier that Dies in War (the unknown soldier)

Rescuers that Die in Rescue (9/11 firemen)

Parents of severely disabled

Long time marriage

Solo Climb of Yosemite

110 year-old Julio Cesar and 105-year-old Waldramina had a combined age of 215 years 231 days and had been married for 79 years when Julio Cesar passed away in October 2020.

The longest marriage ever was enjoyed by Herbert Fisher (USA, b. 1905) and Zelmyra Fisher (USA, b. 1907).

The couple had been married for 86 years 290 days as of 27 February 2011, when Mr Fisher passed away.

Together they withstood the Great Depression and World War II, lived through the Civil Rights Movement and eventually lived to witness the first African-American president of the USA. President Obama even sent them a signed commendation in 2010!

Herbert and Zelmyra grew up together as best friends in North Carolina, USA and married on 13 May 1924. Herbert was 18 years old and Zelmyra was 16.