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THE CALL OF DISCIPLESHIP

Luke 14:25-35

- I. Take a moment to understand the Cost of Discipleship (14:25-26)
 - A. Relational cost
 - B. Personal cost

- II. Take a moment to consider the Process of Discipleship (14:27-33)
 - A. Are you willing to endure to the finish?
 - B. Are you willing to let go of everything to find peace?

- III. Take a moment to consider the Result of Discipleship (14:34-35)
 - A. A Disciple is transformed from useless soil to valuable salt:
 1. Salt is used to give flavor.
 2. Salt creates a thirst.
 3. Salt is used as a preservative.
 4. Salt is used to purify – often used medically to clean a wound.

 - B. However, if this transformation is impeded by sin, then the disciple's usefulness is diminished.

- IV. Application:
 - A. Do you have ears to hear?
 - B. If your answer is 'no':
 - C. If your answer is 'yes':

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P: Today we worship the Lord with gladness; we come before Him with joyful songs.

A: **We know that the Lord is God. He made us, we are His. We are His people, the sheep of His pastor.**

P: Today we give thanks to Him and Praise His name.

A: **The Lord is good and His love endures forever and His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

*Hymn No. 8 *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed
thee; How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,
spreading His wings for to shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again:
Gladly for aye we adore Him!

*Invocation

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²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

³¹ "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴ "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? ³⁵ It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

The Anthem

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*Hymn No. 377 *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*

Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee;
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou, from hence, my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought, and hoped, and known;
Yet how rich is my condition, God and Christ are still my own!

Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior, too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like man, untrue;
And, while Thou shalt smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate, and friends disown me;
Show Thy face, and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast;
Life with trials hard may press me, Christ will bring me sweeter rest.
O 'tis not in grief to harm me, While Thy love is left to me;
O 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Haste then on from grace to glory, Armed by faith and winged by
prayer; God's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide
thee there.

Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Swift shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Offering of Thanks and Praise

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 247 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me,
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

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*Choral Benediction No. 259 *Breath on Me, Breath of God* (v. 3)

Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

*Postlude