

Kingdom Perspectives Series

Cost of Discipleship

Luke 14:25-33

9:57-62

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27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?



²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’



31 Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?



³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.



⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head” (Luke 9:57-58)



59 To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” 60 And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God” (Luke 9:59-60)



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When you love Jesus more than you love any person, you receive pure and sacrificial love from Him. You are able to love people with this love as a result.

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Every time following Jesus becomes your first priority, you will realise that following Jesus is the only thing you really need to do

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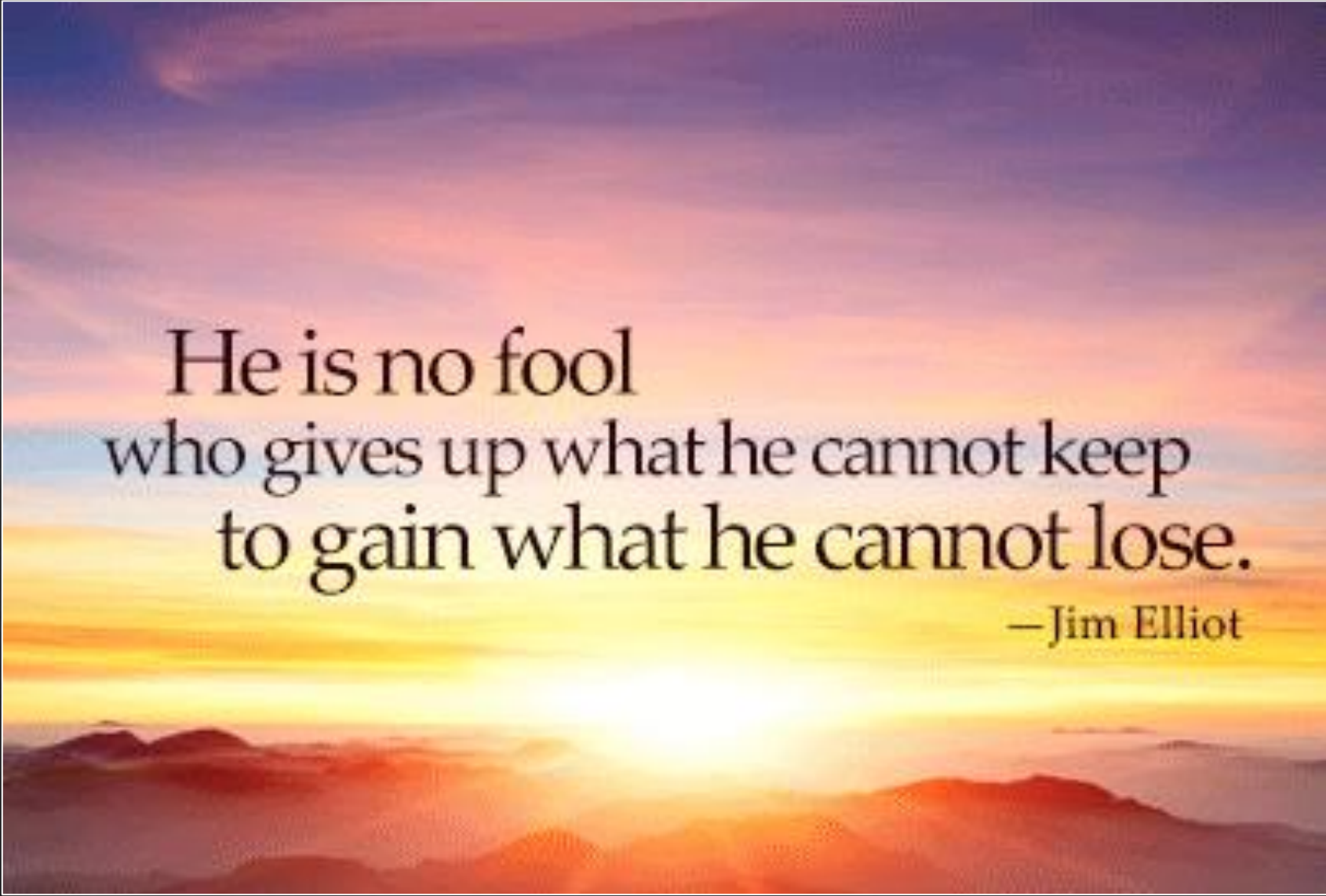
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Every time you attach yourself more to Jesus, you will learn to detach from possessions. Jesus will hold you more than the possessions holding you

A sunset over a mountain range with a quote by Jim Elliot. The sky is a mix of purple, pink, and orange, with the sun low on the horizon. The mountains are silhouetted against the bright light of the setting sun.

He is no fool
who gives up what he cannot keep
to gain what he cannot lose.

—Jim Elliot

A person in silhouette stands on a sand dune, looking out over a vast, desolate landscape under a clear sky. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame, facing right. The landscape consists of rolling sand dunes with some sparse, dry vegetation. The sky is a pale, clear blue.

COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

The life of discipleship can only be maintained as long as nothing is allowed to come between Christ and ourselves, neither the law, nor personal piety, nor even the world. The disciple always looks only to his master, never to Christ AND the law, Christ AND religion, Christ AND the world. Only by following Christ alone can he preserve a single eye.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martyr 1945