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– Luke 14:33



A painting of three figures in traditional robes walking away on a dirt path. The figure on the left wears a reddish-brown robe, the middle one a white robe with a dark sash, and the right one a tan robe. They are walking towards a landscape with green fields and distant mountains under a cloudy sky.

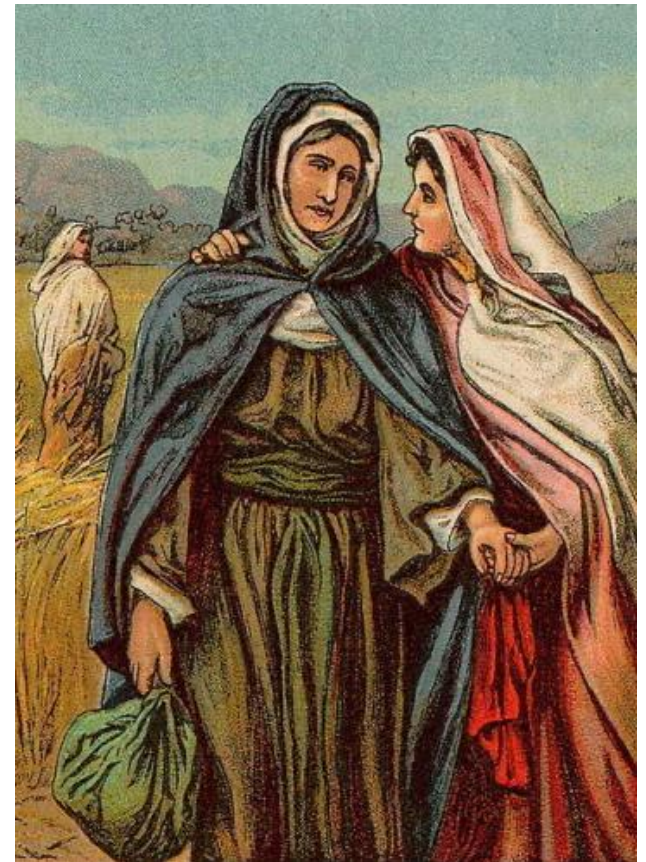
Being a Loyal Disciple

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Tests to our Loyalty

Relationships That Pull Us Away (Luke 14:26)

- **"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple."** (Lk. 14:26)
- EX: Ruth the Moabitess
- **"Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, If anything but death parts you and me."** (Ruth 1:16-17)

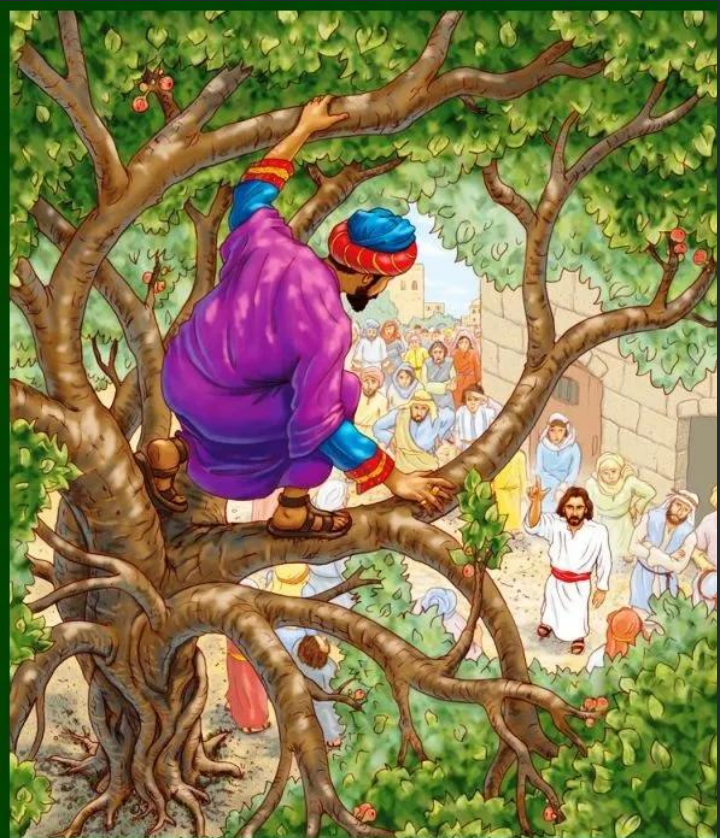




Trials and Hardships

- “And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.” (Luke 14:27)
- EX: Job
- "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD." In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong." (Job 1:21-22)
- Then his wife said to him, "**Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!**" (Job 2:9)

Competing Attachments and Possessions



- **“So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.”**
(Luke 14:33)
- EX: Zacchaeus – had it all
- EX: Woman who gave 2 mites

Enduring to the End

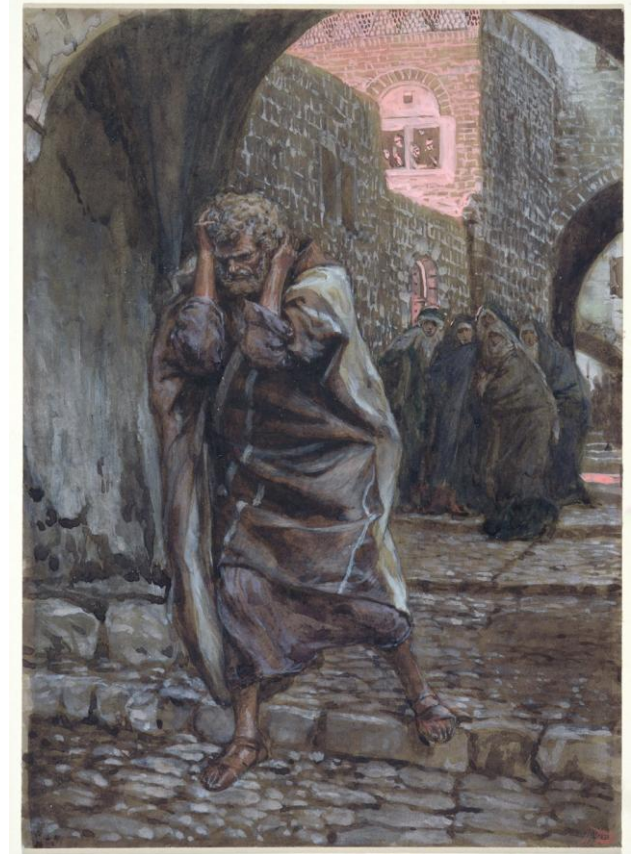
- **“But he who endures to the end shall be saved.”**
(Matthew 24:13)
- **“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.”** (Matthew 5:13)
- **“And every offering of your grain offering you shall season with salt; you shall not allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your grain offering. With all your offerings you shall offer salt.”** (Lev. 2:13)

Turning to
the Left or
Right

“Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:7)

Doubting His Loyalty

- EX: St. Peter
- **And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren." (Lk. 22:31-32)**



The Requirements of Loyalty to Christ

1. Loyalty Requires a Decisive Choice

- “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother...he cannot be My disciple.” (Luke 14:26)

2. Loyalty Requires Daily Sacrifice

- “And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.” (Luke 14:27)

3. Loyalty Requires Intentional Commitment

- “For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost...?” (Luke 14:28)
- “What king, going to make war...does not sit down first and consider whether he is able...?” (Luke 14:31)

4. Loyalty Requires Complete Surrender

- “Whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.” (Luke 14:33)