

Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:25-27

*Without Context.

4. Hate Yo Parents

TODAY'S VERSES:

Luke 14:25-27
Matthew 5:43-45
Exodus 20:12
Ephesians 6:1-4
Mark 12:30-31
Matthew 10:34-39
Luke 14:28-33
Galatians 4:4-7
1 John 4:9-10

BONUS:
XRAY QUESTIONS
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RECAP & DISCUSSION STARTERS:

In Luke 14:25-27, Jesus uses shocking language—calling His followers to "hate" their families—to emphasize that discipleship requires total allegiance to Him above all else. The Greek word translated "hate" (miseo) is comparative, meaning we're to love Christ more than even our closest relationships. Jesus isn't anti-family; He's calling us to properly order our loves.

1. The cost of following Jesus is real—it may strain relationships and require sacrifice—but it's not reckless. What we gain in Christ far surpasses anything we surrender.
 2. Family is a beautiful gift from God, but it cannot substitute for Him.
 3. Jesus doesn't ask us to pay any cost He hasn't already paid Himself—He endured the cross so we could be adopted into God's eternal family.
- What was your initial reaction when you heard Jesus' words about "hating" family? Does understanding the comparative meaning change your perspective on this passage?
 - Where do you see family idolatry showing up in your own life or in broader culture? How does it "masquerade as loyalty"?
 - Jesus asks His followers to "count the cost" before committing to discipleship. What are some costs you've experienced (or anticipate) in following Jesus? What have you gained?
 - How can grounding our identity in Christ give us freedom to address dysfunction rather than perpetuate it?
 - Is there something you're currently holding onto—a relationship, dream, expectation, or comfort—that you know Jesus is inviting you to surrender? What makes it hard to let go?
 - How does remembering that Jesus paid the ultimate cost (the cross) change how you approach the costs of discipleship in your own life?
 - *For parents:* How can you celebrate and invest in your family without making them your "whole world"? *For singles:* How does this passage speak to any idolization of marriage or family you might be carrying?