

UNCENSORED**You Must Hate Everyone Else****Luke 14:25-33 (NRSV)**

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: “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. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. “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? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ “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? 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. In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.

I. Choices**II. You Must Choose**

III. Choose Your Family

Radical Teaching: Jesus calls us to surrender control of our lives to God. In doing so, Jesus reveals a new plan, a new family, and a new life. I know this seems radical for Jesus to tell us to “hate everyone else,” but that is just what he does. Maybe he knows a little secret to life that we do not. Your family makes all the difference! Are you sold out to the family of Christ? Do you participate in Jesus’ family or simply pay Jesus homage on Sundays?

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