

ENTRUSTED

COUNTING THE COST

Situation

Reaction

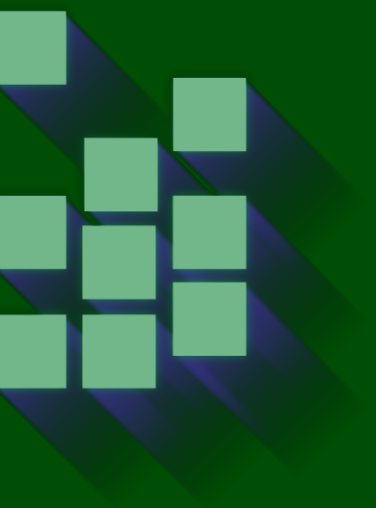
- Emotions
- Protective
- Negative
- Short-sighted or selfish

Response

- Pause
 - “What just happened?”
- How does who I am play in to this?
 - Christian
 - Role(s)
- What does God/Bible say?



One of our greatest roadblocks is that we tend to view ***counting the cost*** as a negative when it comes to spiritual things.



“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6



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A common theme in Luke & Acts

- Taking up the cross daily - Luke 9:23
- Leaving family - Luke 18:29
- Repenting - Luke 5:32; 10:13; 13:3; 15:7, 10
- Believing or having faith - Luke 7:50; 8:46; Acts 16:31
- Losing one's life - Luke 9:24
- Repentance and being baptized - Acts 2:38
- Hearing and doing God's will - Luke 8:21
- Acknowledging Christ - Luke 12:8
- Entering the narrow door - Luke 13:24



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You really can't serve two masters.

Why would you want to?

"Truly I say to you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields - along with persecutions - and in the age to come, eternal life."

Mark 10:29-31





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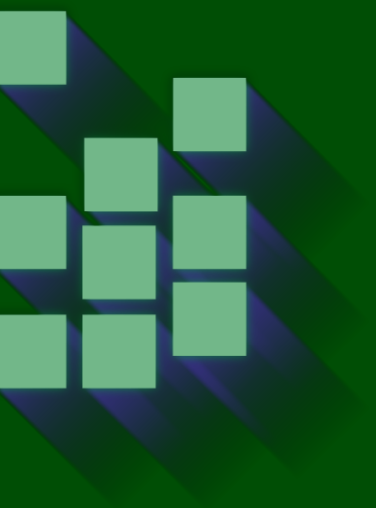


“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

James 1:2-5



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Part of counting the cost is to understand that faith and trust are major players in our daily walks with Jesus. We have to trust that what the Bible says is true; that's faith.

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28





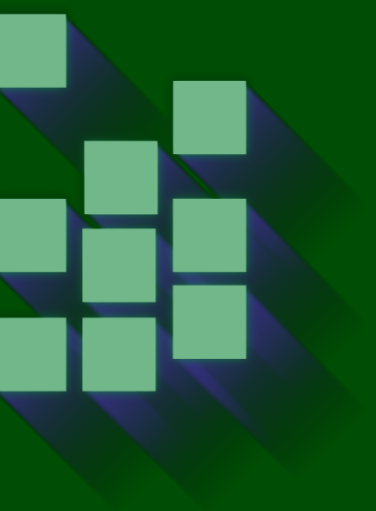
Belief → Behavior → Emotions
(Biblical Truth)





Count the real cost:

“Do you believe Jesus is Lord or not?”



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