

## Paying the Price for Kingdom Life - Luke 9:46-62

Yeshua's Disciples and Apostles knew full well that the cost of following Him up close was a death sentence. He had said to them all: "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For **whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will save it.**" Luke 9:23-24.

Everyone seen carrying a cross in Yeshua's day were on their way to a crucifixion. The cross was not a status symbol.

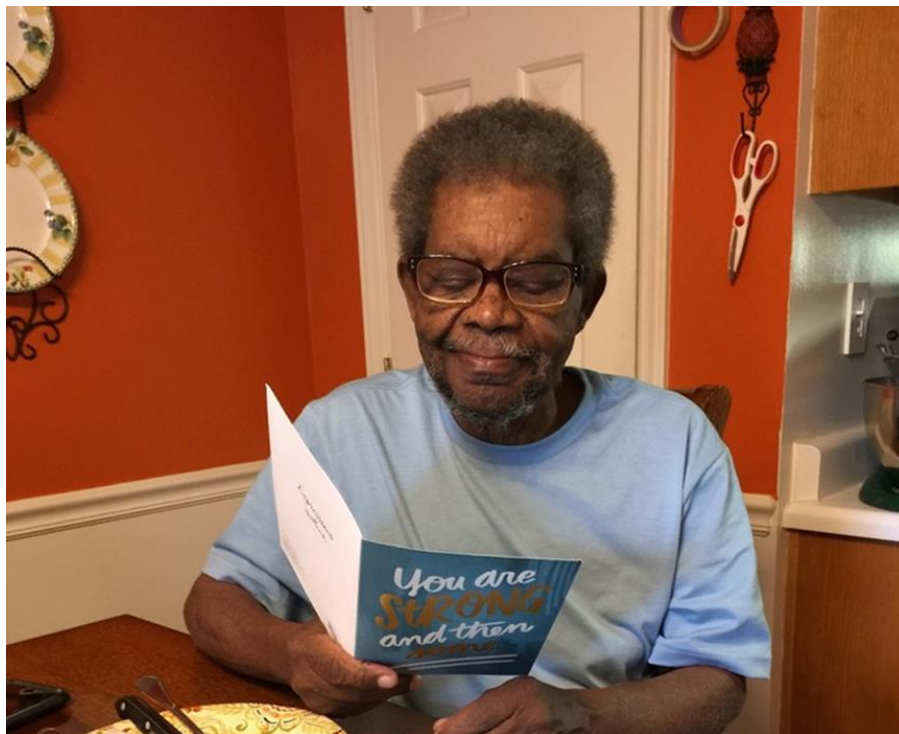
Yeshua understood the price He had to pay was His life. **His ministry began with the full knowledge of His death, His burial, His resurrection, and His ascension in mind.**

In this portion of Luke, we will look at Yeshua's engagement and interaction with His Apostles and Disciples from the opportunities presented to Him to share with them the price they would have to pay as citizens of the Kingdom of God.

Last week, I taught on Preparing for Death. Little did I know that a few days later a **Patriarch in this Ministry would go to sleep and await the resurrection.**

Yesterday, Sharon and Zoe buried their husband and father.

Floyd was a quiet force who moved his family from Alabama to the Carolinas to serve in this Ministry and did so up to his last breath.



Today, **I honor Floyd Campbell** and ask that you would keep the Campbell family in your prayers, as they continue their commitment and service in the Kingdom of YeHoVaH without the Patriarch.

The world kingdom currencies are dollars and cents.  
The currencies of the Kingdom of YeHoVaH are:

- Faith
- Fear of YeHoVaH
- Death to self
- Obedience
- Forgiveness
- Humility
- Compassion
- Mercy
- Sacrifice of time and life
- The fruit of the Spirit
- Focus on the bigger picture, things above

**There is a price each person must pay to live life in the Kingdom of YeHoVaH. Some prices will be easy, others may be difficult.**

**In this Teaching, we will look at some of the prices mentioned.**

- **Humility and service** to others
- **Respecting others** who serve in a different group using the Name or a different Name
- Being confronted with **opposition** and taking a different path
- Various **excuses** people use
- The **sacrifice** of family life
- Putting hands to the plow; **pressing forward**
- **No regrets**
- **Not looking back** like some of the Israelites did concerning Egypt; or like Lot's wife

Lk 9:46 Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest.

Matthew and Mark give some context to this conversation.

Mt 18:1 At the same time came the disciples unto Yeshua, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

Mt 18:2 And Yeshua called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

Mt 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Mt 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Mk 9:33 And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?

Mk 9:34 But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who *should be* the greatest.

Mk 9:35 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, *the same* shall be last of all, and servant of all.

Lk 9:47 And Yeshua, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him,

Lk 9:48 And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.

## Having patience with others who serve in a different group using the Name of Yeshua or who call Him by a different Name.

Lk 9:49 And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbad him, because he followeth not with us.

Lk 9:50 And Yeshua said unto him, Forbid *him* not: for he that is not against us is for us.

Lk 9:51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,

## Confronted with Opposition and Taking a Different Path

Lk 9:52 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.

Lk 9:53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.

Lk 9:54 And when his disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, **even as Elias did?**

The question that James and John asked indicated they were familiar with the events surrounding the prophet Elijah, King Ahaziah and the three companies of soldiers consisting of a captain and fifty men each sent to Elijah. Two of the companies of fifty were consumed by fire from Heaven called down by the Prophet. The third captain appealed to Elijah, and He went with him to speak to King Ahaziah. These events occurred in 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 1:1-18.

Yeshua rebuked James and John for their suggestion.

Lk 9:55 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.

Lk 9:56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save *them*. And they went to another village.

James' and John's mindsets were to rule by force. Anyone who opposed, rejected, or resisted Yeshua should be destroyed.

Yeshua demonstrated what He had instructed His Disciples earlier when He sent out the twelve. If you are not received by a people or a city, go to another people or city.

Lk 9:5 And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.

## Various Excuses People Used

Lk 9:57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain *man* said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

Lk 9:58 And Yeshua said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air *have* nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay *his* head.

## The Sacrifice of Family Life

Lk 9:59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

Lk 9:60 Yeshua said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

Yeshua was informing the man that following Him would mean he would not always be around for important family events.

Lk 9:61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

- Putting hands to the plow; **pressing forward**
- **No Regrets**
- **Not looking back** like some of the Israelites did concerning Egypt; or like Lot's wife

Lk 9:62 And Yeshua said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Yeshua was informing the man that following Him meant he had to be fully engaged with the work of the Kingdom and not be double minded or have his heart in two places.

These words have had a profound impact on my life, and I refer to them often, especially when I am facing difficult times.

Col 3:1 **If** ye then be risen with Messiah, seek those things which are above, where Messiah sitteth on the right hand of God.

Col 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Col 3:3 **For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Messiah in God.**

Col 3:4 When Messiah, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Col 3:5 **Mortify/put to death** therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

Col 3:6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

Col 3:7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

Col 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Col 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

Col 3:10 And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Col 3:11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Messiah *is* all, and in all.

Col 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

Col 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Messiah forgave you, so also *do* ye.

Col 3:14 And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Col 3:16 Let the word of Messiah dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Col 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Yeshua, **giving thanks to God and the Father by him**.