

Parables

“The Tower Builder and The Warrior King”



A photograph of a vast, green field. The foreground is filled with tall, thin grasses that are slightly out of focus. The middle ground shows a flatter area with shorter grass and small yellow flowers. In the background, there is a dense line of green trees and bushes under a clear sky.

It must be so nice for you...

LUKE 14:25-33

3x Parables about people who make plans



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25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:

26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even life itself—such a person cannot be my disciple. 27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

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28 “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?

29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, 30 saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’



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31 “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? 32 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. 33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

A photograph showing a woman in a long, patterned dress and glasses standing on a paved street, facing a line of riot police. The police are wearing helmets with clear visors and carrying shields. One officer in the foreground is gesturing with his hands while talking to the woman. In the background, more riot police are lined up, and a grassy area with trees and a building is visible.

The Cost

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Winners become losers...



Christianity is for losers



The image features two horizontal strands of twisted metal barbed wire. Each strand has a single, sharp, coiled barb. The top strand is positioned higher and slightly to the right, while the bottom strand is lower and more centered. The background is a smooth gradient, transitioning from a light, hazy grey at the top to a dark, almost black at the bottom. The text is centered between the two strands of wire.

...losers become winners

A photograph of a woman from behind, carrying a young child on her back. The woman is wearing a colorful, patterned shirt with geometric designs in orange, blue, and pink. The child is looking over the woman's shoulder towards the camera. They are standing in a lush garden with various green plants and red flowers. In the background, there is a building with a corrugated metal roof. The overall lighting is soft and natural, suggesting an outdoor setting during the day.

When the cost is family



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Counting the cost

Dying to ourselves

Abandon your own tower building

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