

Super Bowl Night



Were the Sacrifices Worth It?



A Common Fear

- Some people are afraid to commit to something, for fear it will disappoint.



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- One question people might wonder: “is the Christian commitment worth it?”



Matthew 16:24

²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples,
“If anyone wishes to come after Me, he
must deny himself, and take up his
cross and follow Me.

**All Scriptures from 1995 New American Standard Bible*

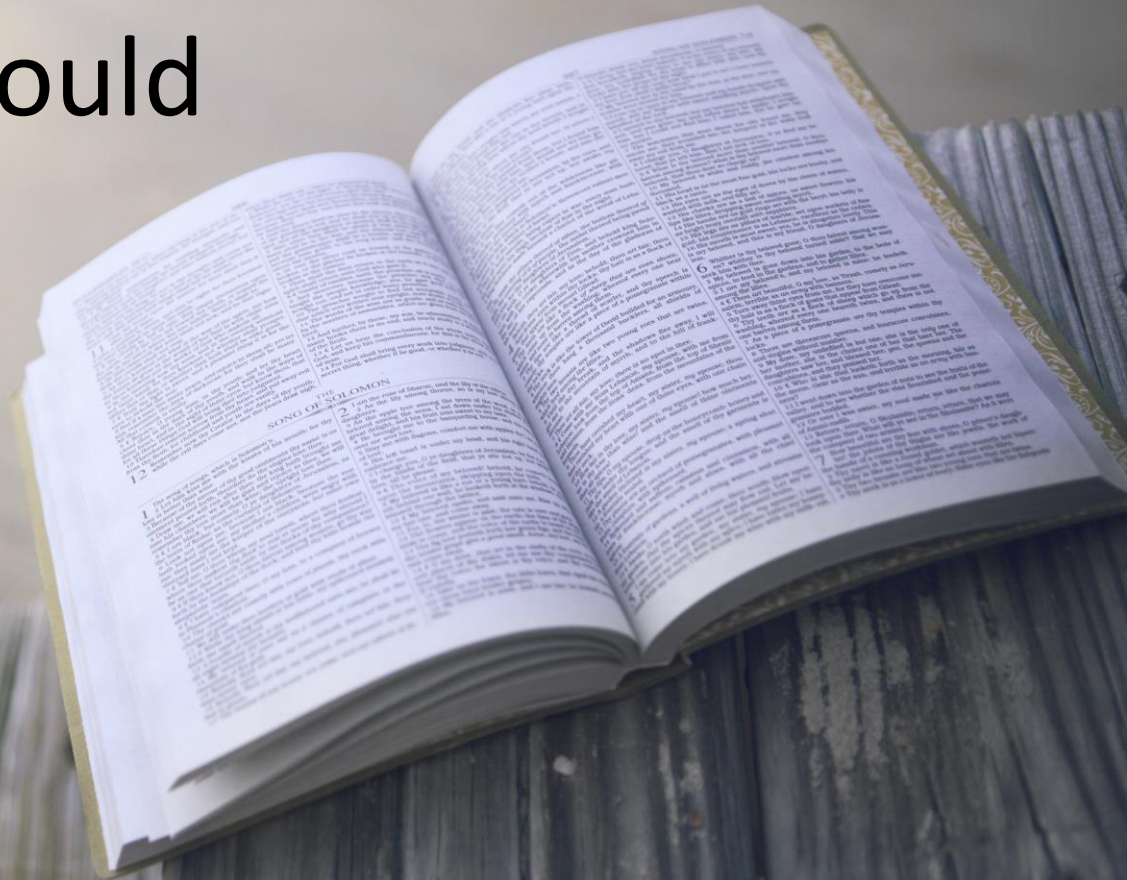
Luke 14:27-28

²⁷ Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

²⁸ For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?

A Great Chapter: 1 Corinthians 15

➤ Some people were saying there would be no resurrection.



1 Corinthians 15:12

¹² Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

A Great Chapter: 1 Corinthians 15

➤ Paul says without that promise, our faith would ultimately be worthless.



1 Corinthians 15:16-19

¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised;

¹⁷ and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

1 Corinthians 15:16-19

¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

¹⁹ If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.

1 Corinthians 15:30-32

³⁰ Why are we also in danger every hour?

³¹ I affirm, brethren, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

³² If from human motives I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, LET US EAT AND DRINK, FOR TOMORROW WE DIE.

A Great Chapter: 1 Corinthians 15

➤ God promises that we will put on a new body.



1 Corinthians 15:42-44

⁴² So also is the resurrection of the dead.
It is sown a perishable *body*, it is
raised an imperishable *body*;

⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised
in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is
raised in power;

⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised
a spiritual body. If there is a natural body,
there is also a spiritual *body*.

1 Corinthians 15:50

⁵⁰ Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,

⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

1 Corinthians 15:57

⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse to Remember: 1 Corinthians 15:58



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⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in* vain in the Lord.

➤ Other passages with similar thoughts:



Galatians 6:7-9

⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:7-9

⁹ Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

Romans 8:18

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

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Luke 18:28-30

²⁸ Peter said, “Behold, we have left our own *homes* and followed You.”

Luke 18:28-30

²⁹ And He said to them, “Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God,

³⁰ who will not receive many times as much at this time and in the age to come, eternal life.”

➤ Let's trust and follow Jesus!

