

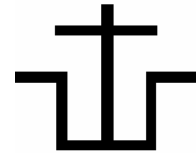
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Standing in the Gap's purpose is to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ. That is more than a mission statement for a campus ministry. It is also a mission statement for life. We hope that we have given you the basics for what it means to be and make disciples for life. I encourage you to stay on that path and to reconsider what it means to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

In Luke 14, among other places, we see what Jesus has to say about disciples. He speaks of hating mother, father, wife, children, brothers and sisters, even your own life, you must hate in order to be His disciple. This is a hyperbole for the idea that nothing else can be Lord of your life and if anything gets in the way of our relationship with Christ, we must choose Christ. We have some very real situations around the world where people from certain families are disowned and abandoned for becoming a disciple of Christ. That

can happen, if even on a lower scale, right here in the states. Maybe some of you experienced something like this with your family when you made a commitment to Christ in college and heard some disapproval from your parents.

Next Jesus says in verse 27 that anyone who does not take up his cross and follow Him cannot be His disciple. That is a big price to pay. It means we must die to our desires and our agenda and begin to live for His alone. I like to think of it in terms of military submission. You are ordered to go places and do things for the sake of the country and you may or may not like it but you die to your desires and go and do what you are ordered to do for the sake of the country. It is the same with disciples. We must submit to the Lord for His kingdom and His purposes. We must die to our desires and live for His.

After speaking of counting the cost, Jesus

concludes in verse 33 by stating, "In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple."

I remember that being an easier verse to read as a college student who didn't have but a few CDs, some video games, a small bank account and a car that was 10 years old. But now after gaining a few more items it is a little harder to read and apply that verse. So, is everything you own His? Is your life His? Have you given it all?

Let us remember our motto: To be and make disciples of Jesus Christ. Let's give it all for Him and His kingdom. Let's share that with others and help them to live that life.

God Bless,
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"So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one." Ezekiel 22:30 (NKJV)

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