

# Love Jesus Above All Notes

Luke 14:25-27

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**Main Point:** While the family is foundational, following Christ must come first.

## Two observations

1. This is an urgent \_\_\_\_\_ passage.
2. This is a demanding \_\_\_\_\_ passage.

## Four discipleship demands.

1. Move from the crowd to the \_\_\_\_\_ core (Luke 14:25).
  - Jesus knew many in the crowd were following Him for \_\_\_\_\_ or superficial reasons.
2. Prioritize \_\_\_\_\_ over family.
  - The crowd wanted what they thought Jesus would give them, not knowing that following Christ would cost them \_\_\_\_\_.
  - It's important to know a common Jewish view was the messianic era would be preceded by a time of \_\_\_\_\_ in family relationships (Micah 7:6).
  - The word for "hate" means to "\_\_\_\_\_ or abhor."
  - Jesus is not saying we are to act in a hateful way toward our families. The Bible is clear...
    - We are to honor our parents (Exodus 20:12).
    - Husbands are to love their wives and wives are to respect their husbands (Ephesians 5:33).
    - Dads are not to exasperate their kids (Ephesians 6:4).
    - Mothers are to love their husbands and children (Titus 2:4)
    - Grown children are to care for their parents when they're no longer able to do so (1 Timothy 5:8).
  - The word "hate" in the Bible often expresses \_\_\_\_\_ and preference, not emotional hatred.
    - In Hebrew idiom, "hate" can mean, "to love \_\_\_\_\_."
    - The stress is on the priority of \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 10:37).
    - They just had two choices – love or hate.
  - We're called to love and live for Christ \_\_\_\_\_ and foremost, even if your families don't follow Him.
  - Your faith family is meant to be more \_\_\_\_\_ than the genetic bonds of a physical family relationship.
  - Kevin DeYoung describes two extremes related to our families.
    - Family as \_\_\_\_\_ – family curtails what we really want to do.
    - Family as \_\_\_\_\_ – make children our idols.

3. Love the Lord more than your \_\_\_\_\_.
  - He challenges us to lay aside our personal \_\_\_\_\_, goals, and our very lives.
  - A commitment to Christ is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Fully \_\_\_\_\_ to His supremacy (vs. 27).
  - The word “bear” means, “to take and \_\_\_\_\_ up.”
  - According to our Savior, discipleship must involve \_\_\_\_\_ to self.

*“Salvation is both absolutely free and yet it costs you your very life. You receive it freely at no expense to you, but once you receive it, you have just committed everything you are and have to Jesus Christ.”*