

April 11

## *Disregarding All Loves But One*

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Of Levi he said, "Your Thummim and your Urim are with your godly one...who said of his father, and of his mother, 'I have not seen him;' Neither did he acknowledge his brothers, nor...his own children...Yahweh, bless his substance – Deuteronomy 33:8-11

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[Luke 14:25-35, Perea] Now great multitudes were going with him. He turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me, and doesn't disregard his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he can't be my disciple. Whoever doesn't bear his own cross, and come after me, can't be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, doesn't first sit down and count the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it? Or perhaps, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, everyone who sees begins to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build,

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and wasn't able to finish.' Or what king, as he goes to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends an envoy, and asks for conditions of peace. So therefore whoever of you who doesn't renounce all that he has, he can't be my disciple. Salt is good, but if the salt becomes flat and tasteless, with what do you season it? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. It is thrown out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

1. Are you bearing your cross today? How does that look? Is family or friendship an idol?
2. What are your projects? Do you plan them? Do you plan how you'll follow Christ?
3. Jesus, you made me salty, but I can lose that by getting sucked into other things, like...