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Bridge Building Stories

Real Christianity

Luke 18:18-27

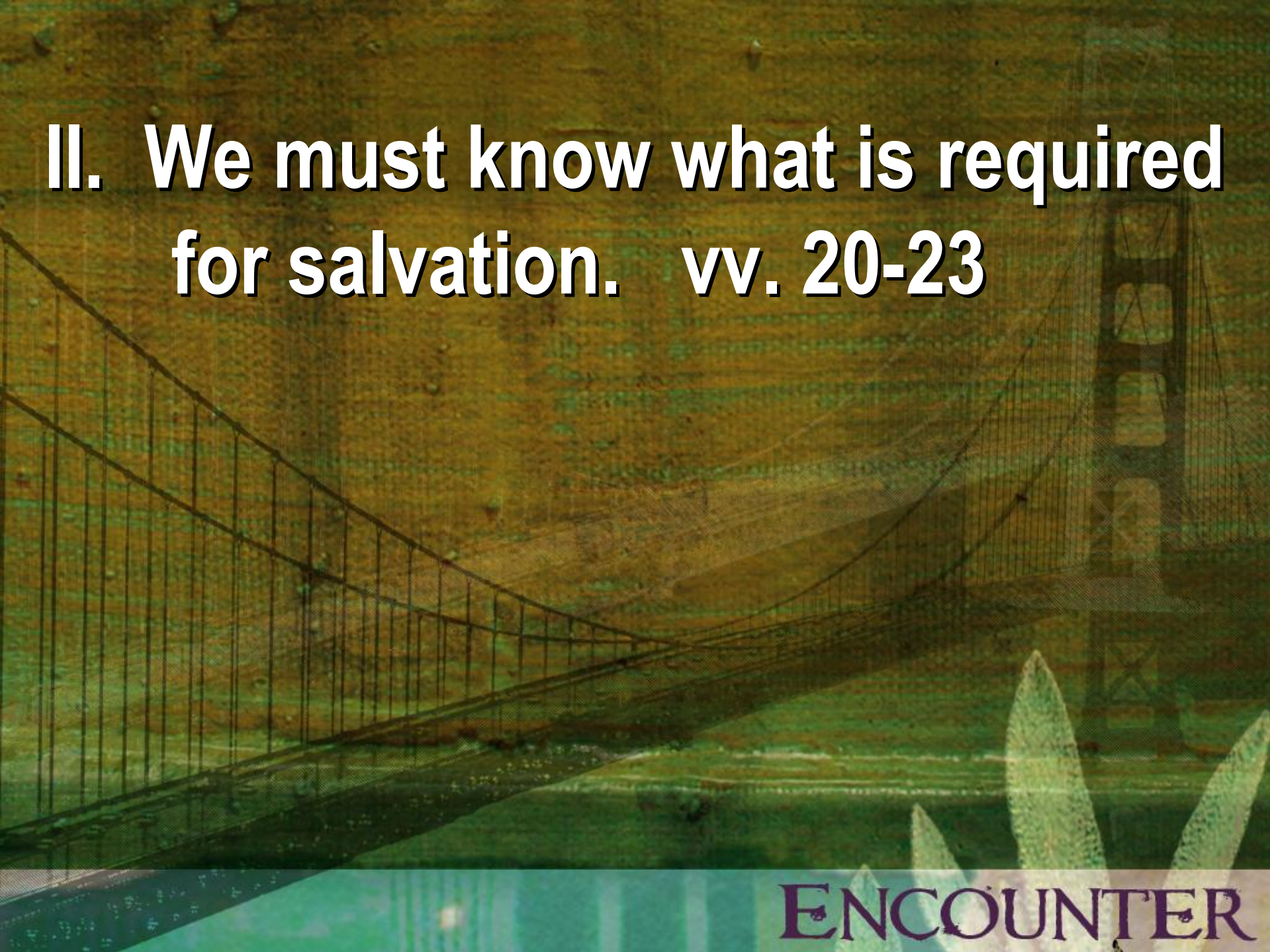


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I. We need to know to whom we come for salvation. vv. 18-19

- **Jesus is good**
- **Jesus is God**



**II. We must know what is required
for salvation. vv. 20-23**

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Romans 3:20

***“because by the works of the Law
no flesh will be justified in His
sight; for through the Law comes
the knowledge of sin.”***

Galatians 2:21

... for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.

The two prongs of faith in Jesus –

a forsaking

and a following.

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Ephesians 5:31-32

FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.

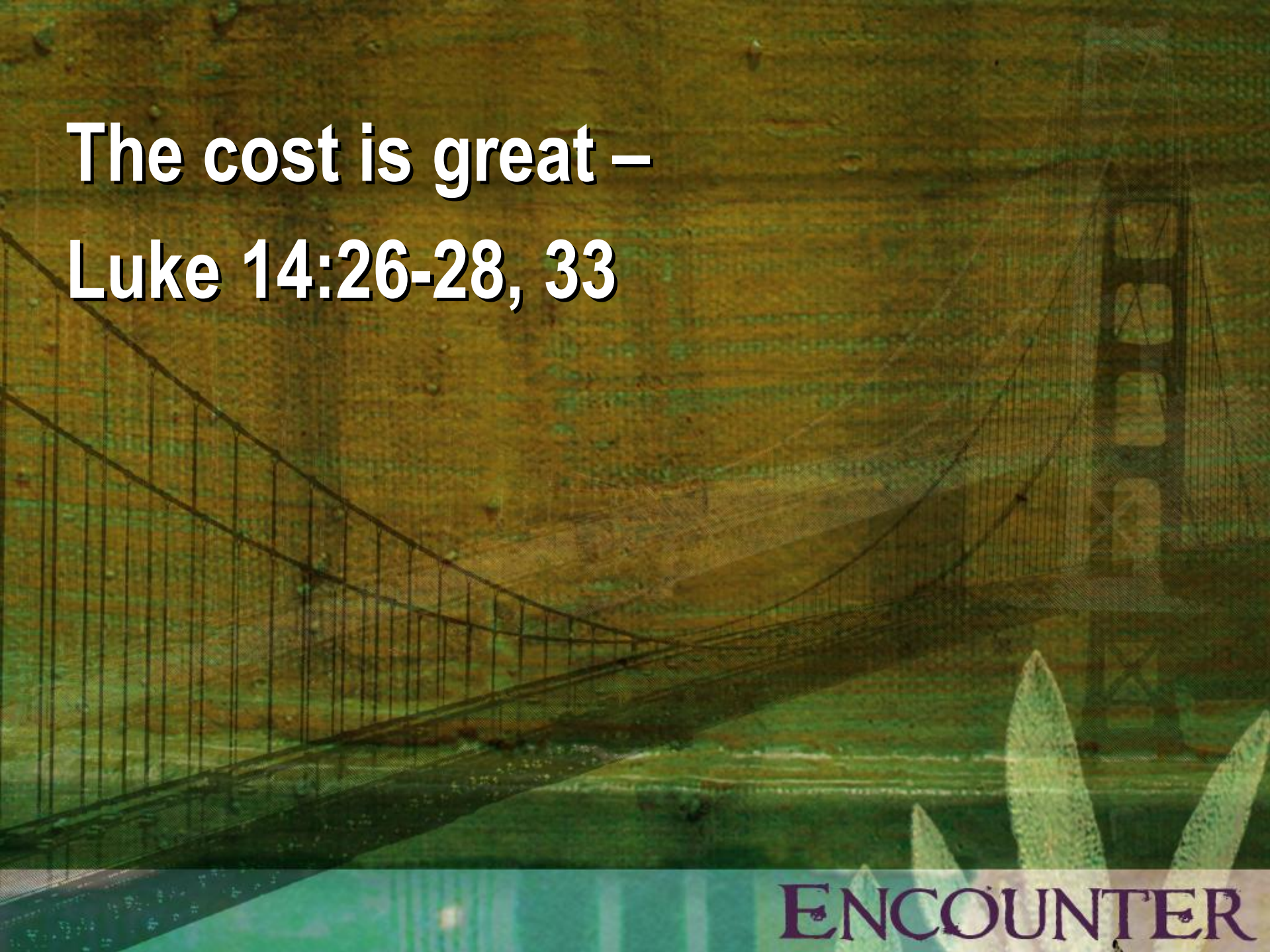
This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

**We are called to make disciples –
Matthew 28:18-20**

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Matthew 28:19-20

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”



**The cost is great –
Luke 14:26-28, 33**

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Luke 14:26-28, 33

"If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

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

Luke 14:33

**"So then, none of you can be My
disciple who does not give up all
his own possessions.**

Question #1:

Are you certain that your eternal salvation has been determined by your confession of sins and your acceptance of Christ's gift of forgiveness?



Question #2:

Do you consistently obey Jesus' teachings?

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Question #3:

Do you always love other people in practical ways, especially fellow followers of Christ?



Question #4:

Have you put the attractions and distractions of this world in their proper place and focused on knowing, loving, and serving God?



Question #5:

Do you carry the burdens of following Jesus with joy?



Question #6:

Do you live in such a way as to show others what the Christian life looks like?



Question #7:

Do you relate to other Christians consistently, in a spiritual setting and for spiritual purposes?



Question #8:

**Are you sharing your faith in Christ
with those who have not embraced
Him as their Savior?**



Question #9:

Are you helping other believers to grow spiritually?



Question #10:

**Do you consistently seek guidance
from God in all you do?**

There is only one way to love God: to take not a single step without Him, and to follow with a brave heart wherever He leads. All those who live the Christian life, and yet would very much like to keep a little in with the world, run great risk of being among the lukewarm of whom it is said they will be 'spewed out of the mouth of God.' God has little patience with those weak souls who say to themselves, 'I shall go this far and no farther.'

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Is it up to the creature to make the law for His Creator? What would a king say of a subject, or a master of a servant, who only served him in his own way, who feared to care too much for his interests, and who was embarrassed in public because of belonging to him? What will the King of Kings say to us if we act like these cowardly servants?

- Francois Fenelon

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**III. We should understand God's
role in salvation. vv. 24-27**

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Communion

Communion will be at the stations this morning. We want you to take communion looking to the hope we have in God's comfort as a result of our salvation through Jesus Christ. Remember His death through the bread and the cup.

Giving

Each week we will pass an offering bag to every seat; offering buckets will also be available at the table stations. Please take time after the teaching to prayerfully bring your gift in worship to God.

Prayer

After the message, there will be prayer counselors in the back at the NEW Prayer Booth to pray for any situation you may have. The world is not a perfect place, and we all have struggles. Make your requests known, and let someone pray with you this morning.

1. As a disciple, what is God either calling you to give up or calling you to do at this point in your journey?

2. Consider fasting for one month from one thing that you enjoy (e.g. fast food, internet, soft drinks, t.v.) in order to pray more earnestly for God's grace to respond to what He is calling you above.