

Missionary Commitment

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Ezekiel 22.
- B. Ezekiel is a major prophet prophesying to the exiles in Babylon.
- C. Ezekiel sought one to stand in the gap for God, but he found none.

II. Christ demands all.

- A. The communist zeal is exactly what is demanded of the Christian for the cause.
- B. Would you be willing to die to advance the cause of Christ?
- C. Abraham was willing to sacrifice his only son for God.
- D. There will come a moment or moments where you must make the choice and it will cost you everything.
- E. Paul was called to suffer for Jesus' name.
- F. Jesus called His followers to deny self and to take up their cross.
- G. The Christian is one who endures hardship. (2 Timothy 2:3)
- H. You must will to follow Christ and pay all that that demands.
 - 1. This means self-denial.
 - 2. This means self-discipline.
 - 3. The denial of self means to renounce self as master and take Christ as master.
- I. The cross was a place of execution - Christ was asking His followers to identify with Him in His rejection, unpopularity and death in all places.
- J. Even your family ties are second to Christ.
- K. You have to be ready to pay the price. Will you follow Christ in a disciplined life?
 - 1. Neglect all for the quiet time.
 - 2. Get your mind dwelling on Christ.
 - 3. If you lose the sex battle, you lose the battle of the Christian life.

4. Be filled with the Spirit.

5. Follow Christ in His passion for the world. We may be the ones to evangelize the last generation before the end of the world. Will you become willing to go into world missions?

Application questions

1. What does it mean to “take up your cross and follow” Jesus?

2. What are some biblical examples of characters who gave up all for God?

3. Which area of cost stands out to you? Explain. What will you do to address it in light of the message?
