

# SERMON OUTLINE

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## Building a Tower

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- I. **Evaluating Commitment: Stop the Crowd Mentality: Luke 14:25**
  - A. It is easy to be SUPERFICIAL in a crowd **Luke 14:26,33**
  - B. It is easy to move without PURPOSE in a crowd **Luke 14:27**
  - C. It is easy to go along when the crowd TURNS (and they will)
- II. **Learning Commitment: Building a Tower**
  - A. Discovering What You Want: Lk 14:28: "when he wants to build..."
    1. An endeavor in HONESTY - we want something - what is it?
      - a. Do we REALLY want what God offers? **Matt 10:34-39**
    2. We Can't Have It ALL!! We have GOT to make a choice - What do you WANT? **Matt 10:39: Find life or LIFE**
  - B. Keeping the End in Sight: Lk 14:28: "enough to complete it..."
    1. Understanding what it is going to take (everything)
      - a. **14:27** - The cross is EVERYTHING
      - b. **14:28f** - The tower is built or not (all or nothing)
      - c. **14:31f** - Either war or peace (all or nothing)
      - d. **14:33** - Give up ALL his own possessions
      - e. **14:34f** - Salty or NOT (all or nothing)
    2. How far will you go to serve God?
      - a. Relationships? **14:26** - Go against dad? Husband?
      - b. What is getting in the way? **14:33** Give up things?
    3. Demas story - Will this be me?
      - a. **Colossians 4:14** (greeting); **Philemon 1:24** (laborer)
      - b. **2 Timothy 4:10** - forsaken - loved present world
  - C. Starting Today: Luke 14:29 "begin to build"
    1. The finished tower came because ONE DAY he started
      - a. Isn't it time? **Hebrews 3:14-15**
      - b. "Today is the first step toward a series of steps that lead to a way of life that takes us home."
    2. Daunting task? Big changes? Not even close? Where to start?
      - a. **Luke 7:37-38,50** - How far did she have to go?
      - b. **Luke 15:1** - sinners - How far to go?
      - c. **Luke 18:13** - tax-collector - "sinner" - How far to go?
      - d. Where did they start? One day at a time, step by step!