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Matthew 8:18-22

The High Cost of Discipleship

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An Overzealous Disciple

Matthew 8:18-19
Now when Jesus saw a crowd around Him, He gave orders to depart to **the other side of the sea.** **19** Then a scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, **I will follow You wherever You go.**"

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The Humbling of the Son of Man

Matthew 8:20
Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air *have* nests, but **the Son of Man** has nowhere to lay His head."

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An Under Zealous Disciple

Matthew 8:21-22
Another of the disciples said to Him, "**Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.**" **22** But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and allow the dead to bury their own dead."

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Applications

1. We must know that our salvation depended upon the humbling of the Son.
2. We should understand that being disciples of Christ involves the humbling of ourselves.
3. We must always remember our citizenship is in heaven.

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Predicted Humbling of the Son

Isaiah 53:1-3
For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of parched ground; He has no *stately* form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him. **3** **He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;** and like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

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Humbling of the Son Fulfilled

Philippians 2:5-8

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 **but emptied Himself**, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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The High Demand of Discipleship

Luke 14:27-28

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. 28 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?

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The Need to Forsake Status

Matthew 18:2-4

And He called a child to Himself and set him before them, 3 and said, "Truly I say to you, **unless you are converted and become like children**, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

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Where Is Your Home Address?

Philippians 3:20-21

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; 21 who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

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