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²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them,

²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him,

³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

<p>➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life</p>	<p>➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition</p> <p>➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do)</p>
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In this week’s gospel we read about the type of discipleship that is required by Jesus. There are many types of discipleship to which we are called and have committed ourselves – marriage, parenting, friendship, career, religious life, priesthood etc. As Jesus walked with the crowds accompanying Him note how he turned and spoke to them. The choices he is asking of us he had made himself and is glad he did so. Our journey to mature discipleship is on going.

Let us remember the times we felt like the king discouraged and unable to continue our commitments. God sends us a Jesus person or an angel who helps us to continue on our journey.

Prayer:

Lord thank you for the people who accompany us on our journey as disciples of Jesus helping us to keep our commitment to him.

Forgive us Lord for when we went in the wrong direction being subjected to materialism, consumerism and pressure from peer groups.

Help us Lord to give up the desire for quick results and realise that the journey to mature discipleship is truly a wonderful adventure and takes a lifetime.”

