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Subject: The Cost of Forsaking All

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Some of us have mouthed the words of forsaking all for Christ, but I would have to say in reality that has not happened yet.

What does it mean to forsake all? To be honest I don't have all the answers to this. The Bible tells us we are to forsake all, pick up our cross and follow Him, but what does that really mean? And how does one walk that way? Since we all have a personal walk with Jesus it will be walked out in different ways for some people, and yet there are some things everyone will have to forsake.

I can remember hearing someone say that outwardly people had forsaken the ways of the world, but then in their heart they had not forsaken the world and its ways, but rather had suppressed their worldly desires for them to one day rear their ugly heads again.

Webster's definition of "forsake:" to give up, renounce, to quit or leave entirely, a syn: Abandon.

To Renounce: to give up, refuse further to follow, obey or recognize, repudiate.

The world is a snare to the christian. I think some get so bogged down with the cares of this life, that they just get weary in the fight, and the way of compromise just looks easier. BUT it is not easier because all the ground you lost while in the compromise you must fight to get back, and that is not easy. It is much easier to just continue on in the fight and don't give in to the self pity, self righteousness, bitterness, anger, resentment and any other thing the devil would tempt you with. We need to cry out for grace to help us. Pray for the Lord to give you the strength you need in the battle.

I must say, it could get discouraging at times if we looked at circumstances, but God tells us to look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

I hope some people respond with their thoughts of what it means to forsake all, even with examples in their lives of how the Lord has spoken to them. I want to learn from my brothers and sisters in Christ, and one way to do that is to encourage each other. I have been greatly blessed with what some have posted on this site, and I believe I will continue to be blessed by what God is going to do.