



IT'LL COST YOU –

One Way or Another

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1. Salvation is free...Maturity comes at a cost

- **Immaturity** has already cost you enough.
- Boys make excuses – men make changes!
- Girls will justify – women will identify!
- Remember the concept of Emotional Adolescence.
- Growing up is a hard thing to do. But growing up while addicted or wounded is unlikely.
- Immature habits and excuses rob you of becoming the person God wants you to be.
- Start by owning your stuff. Admitting your wrongs. Stop making excuses.
- Maturity is a CHOICE – It's time to grow up. Start taking responsibility.
- **1 Corinthians 13:11** – *When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things.*
- **Hebrews 5:12-14** – *In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! ¹³ Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.*
- **Philippians 3:15-16** – *All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.*

2. Salvation is free...Healing comes at a cost

- **Unattended wounds** have already cost you enough. Look how your life has been impacted.
- The hurt has festered – the gaping wounds causes ongoing pain and complications.
- We are all BROKEN in one way or another – varying degrees of woundedness.
- Lean in to face your brokenness. Open up about what is crippling you.
- Explore the emptiness of your heart. Go deep to heal. Uncover your pain.
- Face your Soul Wounds - Address the painful memories.
- **Socrates 469–399 BC - Greek philosopher** - The unexamined life is not worth living.
- Look inside. Sort through the rubble of your hurts, pains, rejections – Left Unaddressed
- without this inner resolution, you'll continue to require medication to ease your pain.
- **Healing is a CHOICE – Jesus is the great physician and will help you find healing.**
- **Psalms 139:23-24** – *Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.*
- **James 5:16** - *Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be **healed**. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*
- **1 Peter 2:24** - *"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been **healed**."*

3. Salvation is free...Recovery comes at a cost

- **Addiction** has already cost you enough!
- It is WORK – plain and simple – real hard work!
- Face the need to do the WORK in the first place. I GOT THIS... I DON'T NEED REGROUP.
- Then work to maintain the Ground of Recovery. How will you sustain your recovery.
- The greater the investment of time and energy – the greater likelihood you'll find freedom.
- Listen. Learn. Dig in like your life depends on it. KILL the LAZINESS! Pain the price of freedom
- He paid your price on the Cross – now you lay down your life for HIM.
- Life a life of gratitude in response to what Jesus has done for you
- You pay your price (Your Effort to Follow Him) not for Salvation but in response to Salvation.
- **Colossians 3:17, 23** – *And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.*
- **Philippians 2:13, 4:13** – *For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.*
- **1 Corinthians 9:24-27** – *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶ Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. ²⁷ No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.*

4. Salvation is free...Freedom comes at a cost

- **Stubborn Independence** has already cost you enough.
- True Freedom will cost you your life – YOU DENY YOURSELF!
- You have to give your life to Jesus – You go to the CROSS
- **Romans 12:1,2** – *And so, dear brothers, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living sacrifice, holy—the kind he can accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask? ² Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but be a new and different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think. Then you will learn from your own experience how his ways will really satisfy you. (TLB)*
- It's an all-out, full surrender to Jesus
- You become FREE by becoming a servant to Jesus and Others!
- You become a FOLLOWER – not just a BELIEVER!
- The greatest among you is the servant of all – choosing to make a difference in the lives of others in your world.
- You serve Jesus by serving others.
- **Mark 8:34-38** – *Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life^(b) will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."*