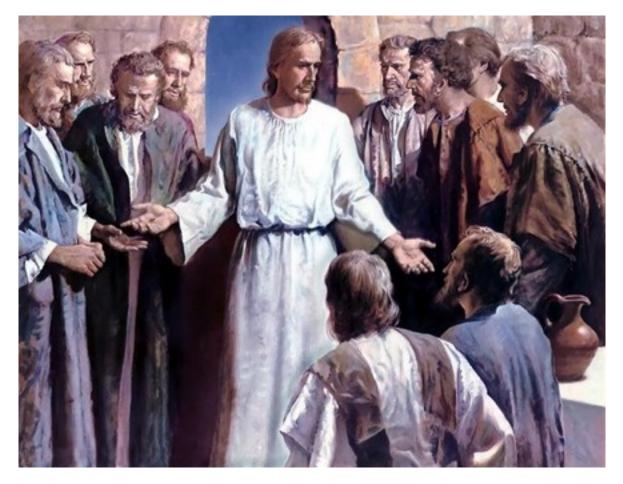
HATE OUR LIVES IF HE IS NOT LEADING US

Luke 14:26-27 (written in red) "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. "Whoever does not carry his own stake and come after Me cannot be My disciple."



At first glance this verse seems scary, but Yeshua is not saying we are to hate our family, but that we are to hate our LIFE and the LIFE of our family members if He is not leading them. The key to Yeshua's warning here is the phrase "and his own life **besides"**. The theme here is not alienation from our family, but rather the COST of discipleship: nothing, not love for father or mother or even ones own life, is to take precedence over loyalty to Yahveh and His Messiah. One must renounce all that he has (verse 33), acknowledging that if Yah is to be primary in his life, possessions and even social relationships, in and of themselves, must be secondary. **Luke 14:33 "So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions."** Being a messianic servant of Yah is more than merely acknowledging facts about Yeshua. There is a big difference between those who are "born again" and those who are chosen by Him to serve. Those who have heard the call of Yah must be prepared to give up everything in this life in order to have more in the New Jerusalem. They must be willing to put Yah above even their most valued family members and all material things. There are

few willing to do this. You will hear of many who say they are willing (seek), but very few who strive to do so.

In verse 28, it continues about the COST of building a tower. Luke 14:28 "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? We must be prepared for what something is going to cost us, before we decide to go ahead and pursue it. It is easy to relate this to being spirit filled because when we do get spirit filled it is our duty to use that boldness that Yah gives us, to further teach, correct, and promote the truth of the word. We must be BOLD when we speak about the written word. DASYD Ministry Jerry Hennig (Dec 19/16)