



## Get Real About Faith

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**When we get real about our faith, God leads us where we'd never go on our own.**

*"His grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs us our life, and it is grace because it gives us the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son; and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God. This is the end --for me, the beginning of life!"*

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*.

Matthew 16:24-25

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**Get real about the [hurdles](#) and [obstacles](#).**

**Personal Fear and Fatigue**

**Cultural Currents and Trends**

Hebrews 12:1-3

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

**Get real about the [race](#) of [faith](#)**

**At one time, faith in Jesus was more common and socially acceptable**

## **We need to run in community, but this is a lost art**

### **We are crazy-busy and intensely distracted**

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.*

### **Get real about [our part](#)**

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### **We choose to follow Jesus**

### **We willingly deny what we want for what He wants**

### **We take up the cross**

### **Get real about the [prize](#)**

John 14:1-4

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going."*

### **Someone to believe in**

### **Someone to be with**

# Extra Resources

## Week 4, Get Real About Faith

### Books:

- [\*The Cost of Discipleship\*](#), Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- [\*Reckless Faith\*](#), Kevin Harney
- [\*The Radical Disciples\*](#), John Stott

### Video Series and Small Group Study (Bible Gateway)

- The Divine Conspiracy, Dallas Willard
- Be Like Jesus, Randy Frazee
- Act Like Jesus, Randy Frazee

### Video Series and Small Group Study ([Right Now Media](#))

- Desiring God, John Piper
- Raising Resilient Disciples, David Kinnaman
- The Power to Change, Jeannie Allen