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Count the Cost

Point 1. Who Is God?

1 Samuel 2:2 (NLT) No one is holy like the Lord! There is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

Isaiah 40:25 (NLT) To whom will you compare me? Who is my equal?" asks the Holy One.

Deuteronomy 32:4 (NLT) He is the Rock; his deeds are perfect. Everything he does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright he is!

Deuteronomy 7:6-7 : For you are a holy people, who belong to the Lord your God. Of all the people on earth, the Lord your God has chosen you to be his own special treasure. 7 "The Lord did not set his heart on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other nations, for you were the smallest of all nations!

Point II. What Did Sin Cost?

Media: Leviticus 1:3–5 (NLT) "If the animal you present as a burnt offering is from the herd, it must be a male with no defects. Bring it to the entrance of the Tabernacle so you may be accepted by the Lord. 4 Lay your hand on the animal's head, and the Lord will accept its death in your place to purify you, making you right with him. 5 Then slaughter the young bull in the Lord's presence, and Aaron's sons, the priests, will present the animal's blood by splattering it against all sides of the altar that stands at the entrance to the Tabernacle.

Point III. God Made a Better Way

Romans 12:1-2 (NLT) And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to **give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice**—the kind he will find acceptable. **This is truly the way to worship him.**
2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Hebrews 9:11–12 (NLT) So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world.
12 With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever.

Luke 9:23 (NLT) Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.