



# Jesus with Skin On

*Be Willing to Pay a Personal Price*

<sup>27</sup>"I have labored and toiled and have gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have gone without food; I have been cold and naked. <sup>28</sup>Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches." 2 Corinthians 11:27-28



## Engage

Are you naturally a "giver" or a "keeper" in regards to money or gifts? How might this inclination affect your openness to pay a personal price for someone else's benefit?



## Encounter

What personal price did the Samaritan pay to care for the injured traveler?

Of all that the Samaritan did, what do you think was the highest personal price he paid? Which of the "prices he paid" would be the most difficult for you to pay for the benefit of someone else?

If he were concerned with being taken advantage of, might he have responded differently?

Where in scripture including 2 Corinthians 11:27-28 do we see people paying a personal price for the benefit of others? What are the lessons we can learn from these passages?

How does willing to pay a personal price for the benefit of others show our love for God and our love for people?



## Express

Where are you when it comes to paying the personal price for others? Rate your openness to pay the price in the following areas? (1 being not willing and 10 being willing)

- \_\_\_ Time
- \_\_\_ Money
- \_\_\_ Energy/Attention

What effects your willingness to pay the price in each of these areas?

How can you open your life to others even if it means paying a price?

Prayer: Spend an extended time in prayer asking for God to help you allow yourself to be taken advantage of if it is for the his ultimate glory and that people may see a glimpse of who Jesus is through you.

<sup>25</sup>On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>26</sup>"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

<sup>27</sup>He answered: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' "<sup>28</sup>"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

<sup>30</sup>In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

<sup>36</sup>"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" <sup>37</sup>The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:25-37