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## **Adjusting to God is Often Costly Experiencing God: Unit 8 days 3-5**

### **Introduction:**

- What is the first thing you look at when you shop for an item?
  1. Most people want to know the c \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Experience tells us that there is a cost to e \_\_\_\_\_
- The sixth pattern of experiencing God is that we must make major adjustments in order to join God in His work.
  1. We might have to adjust how we t \_\_\_\_\_ about ourselves
  2. We might have to adjust our p \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Today's message: we might have to pay a big p \_\_\_\_\_

### **Often Costly to You (2 Cor 11:23-33)**

- The apostle Paul was falsely accused for being an apostle for the benefits. He defends himself by pointing to the cost of serving Christ.
  1. I \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Beaten often times without n \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Five times given \_\_\_\_\_ lashes
  4. R \_\_\_\_\_ his life
  5. Beaten with rods \_\_\_\_\_ times
  6. S \_\_\_\_\_ once
  7. Shipwrecked \_\_\_\_\_ times
  8. Traveled in d \_\_\_\_\_ areas and conditions
  9. Loss of sleep, w \_\_\_\_\_, and nourishment
  10. Emotional b \_\_\_\_\_ which he carried for the churches
- What has serving Christ cost you thus far?
  1. Don't c \_\_\_\_\_ your sacrifice to others but focus on following Jesus (see Jn 21:18-22)
  2. Lk 9:23 – we each must carry our own c \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Make a list

### **Often Costly to Those Closely Associated with You**

- What did Moses's obedience cost those around him?
  1. His wife and c \_\_\_\_\_ had to leave their home and go to Egypt (Ex 4:20).  
When did they settle back home? \_\_\_\_\_
  2. The Hebrew slaves had an increase in l \_\_\_\_\_ and brutality when Moses demanded Pharaoh to release them (Ex 5)
- What has serving Christ cost those around you?
  - Adjusting to God almost cost me from marrying Donna; has put her in danger; our kids did not grow up around family;
  - Is such a cost worth it?

## **Often Costly but Always Rewarding**

### ●What rewards did Moses and Israel see?

1. God's m\_\_\_\_\_ work (Ex 6:6,7)
2. God's n\_\_\_\_\_ being proclaimed throughout the earth (Ex 7:5; 9:16)
3. The promised l\_\_\_\_\_ (Ex 3:8)

### ●Spiritual rewards are g\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor 3:13-15)

1. Rewards are based on s\_\_\_\_\_ not failure
2. Rewards are e\_\_\_\_\_ not temporary

### ●Physical rewards are not guaranteed but are often given

- Abraham, Solomon, and Job were rewarded with r\_\_\_\_\_
- Hannah, Mary, and Elizabeth were rewarded with c\_\_\_\_\_
- The obedient people of Israel were rewarded with l\_\_\_\_\_
- Job was rewarded with restored h\_\_\_\_\_

**God is not required to reward us physically, but when He does be  
t\_\_\_\_\_ but place greater**