

Sermon Discussion (3/15/2026)

We live in a world that's all about convenience. Fast food (Not fast enough). Instant downloads. Same-day delivery. We like things quick, comfortable, and under control. If we're honest, often that mindset sneaks into our faith. We want "comfortable Christianity." We'll follow Jesus — if it doesn't interfere with our plans, our schedule, or our preferences. We'll worship — if it feels good. But what happens when worship hurts? When it's costly? Raising hands even when it's not fixed/settled? When it means surrendering something you want, or trusting God when it doesn't make sense?

Title: Worship that costs something. When worship becomes too easy.

The Main Question: When was the last time our worship of God truly cost us something?

Points to Consider

1. True worship requires sacrifice.
2. True worship begins with repentance.
3. True worship brings restoration.

Scripture References:

2 Samuel 24:18–24 NIV

¹⁸ On that day Gad went to David and said to him, “Go up and build an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.” ¹⁹ So David went up, as the LORD had commanded through Gad. ²⁰ When Araunah looked and saw the king and his officials coming toward him, he went out and bowed down before the king with his face to the ground. ²¹ Araunah said, “Why has my lord the king come to his servant?” “To buy your threshing floor,” David answered, “so I can build an altar to the LORD, that the plague on the people may be stopped.” ²² Araunah said to David, “Let my lord the king take whatever he wishes and offer it up. Here are oxen for the burnt offering, and here are threshing sledges and ox yokes for the wood. ²³ Your Majesty, Araunah gives all this to the king.” Araunah also said to him, “May the LORD your God accept you.” ²⁴ But the king replied to Araunah, “No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.” So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen and paid fifty shekels of silver for them.

Application Questions

- Consider your walk with the Lord. What does true worship/Sacrifice really look like in our faith journey?

Read [2 Samuel 24:18-25](#).

We experience the love of God when we invite Him into our lives. The Lord gives us an opportunity to display what sacrificial Love looks like to those that are around us.

- Describe what the sacrificial Love of God looks like. Is it difficult for us to sacrifice for Jesus?
- How have you recently chosen to actively sacrifice for The Kingdom of God?

Freedom is found when we learn to think and act differently. As Christians, we are all called to think and act differently. Every believer is a representative of the kingdom! We all have a duty to the world around us to share the Freedom Christ has given us.

- Why is this so difficult at times? Have we made a choice to live sacrificially for the Lord? Are we free or still in bondage holding on to the world?

It is much easier for us to “see” God when we are communicating and in relationship with God. Prayer is how we most often communicate with God.

- What is keeping King David from being able to see God?
- Are we as believers able to see God at work in our life?
- Why can some people see God's plan and path for them more clearly than others?

Our brokenness and disconnection with The Lord begin to experience healing as we serve other people. Our acts of surrender, humility, forgiveness, and compassion are not about making *us* look good.

- Are your good works and sacrifice pointing people to Jesus—or pointing back to you?

The more grateful and thankful we are for what God has given us, the more joy we will feel.

- Are there things in our life that we are holding on to that The Lord is asking us to surrender to him for his glory?
- How grateful are we that Jesus has sacrificed everything for us on the Cross?
- Do we choose to live a life of surrender and thankfulness even in tough times?