

**4 September 2016 – 16 Pentecost (Proper 18).**

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Philemon 1–21; Luke 14:25–33.

**Theme:** *My Dad* – Luke 14:26-27, 33, “...be my disciple... be my disciple... be my disciples.”

**INTRO:** Fatherhood is not a popularity contest. **Luke 14:25**, “**Large crowds** were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:” “*An Olympics is only partly about the **spectators** in the stadium. And it was curious that there was one place where empty seats were not a salient topic of conversation, and that was in the stadium itself. For dozens of **athletes** arriving at the Olympic Stadium yesterday, it was the biggest day of their lives. Crowd or no crowd.*” They understood the difference between spectator and athlete.



## **I. HATES/DIES.**

**Luke 14:26**, “If anyone comes to me and does not **hate** father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, **even their own life**—such a person cannot be my disciple.”

**Lenski:** “All we need to remember is that this hating is the same as that which was exercised by God.”

**Psalms 45:7**, “You love righteousness and **hate** wickedness.”

**Habakkuk 1:13**, “Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.”

**Romans 6:23**, “the wages of sin is **death**.”

**Mark 8:35**, “For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever **loses their life** for me and for the gospel will save it.”

**Galatians 2:20**, “**I have been crucified** with Christ and **I no longer live**, but Christ lives in me.”



## **II. LOVES.**

**Matthew 10:37**, “Anyone who **loves** their father or mother **more** than me is not worthy of me; anyone who **loves** their son or daughter **more** than me is not worthy of me.” **Luke 14:27**, “And whoever does not **carry** their cross and **follow** me cannot be my disciple.”

