

# Around *the* Table

PART TWO





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**LUKE 14:25-33 NLT**



28 “But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it? 29 Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you. 30 They would say, ‘There's the person who started that building and couldn't afford to finish it!’”

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<sup>31</sup> “Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down with his counselors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could defeat the 20,000 soldiers marching against him? <sup>32</sup> And if he can’t, he will send a delegation to discuss terms of peace while the enemy is still far away.<sup>33</sup> So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own.”

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- ❖ He wants us to put Him where He belongs.



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**LUKE 14:25-26 NLT**



We need to desire Jesus  
over everything else and  
everyone else in our lives.  
So the point is not  
to hate people or stuff, the  
point is to love Jesus more.





25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

**MATTHEW 16:25 NIV**





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what does He want us to do?

- ❖ He wants us to follow His pattern.



<sup>27</sup> And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.

**LUKE 14:27 NLT**



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- ❖ Everyone's cross is a little bit different.
- ❖ We carry our cross because Jesus first carried His.
- ❖ This is not optional.



<sup>38</sup> Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

**MATTHEW 10:38 NIV**



Now that we are seated at the table with Jesus,  
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- ❖ He wants us to count the cost.



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**LUKE 16:28-32 NLT**



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Jesus alluded to the idea that being His disciple was like building and battle. Each of these are usually more costly than one thinks before beginning.





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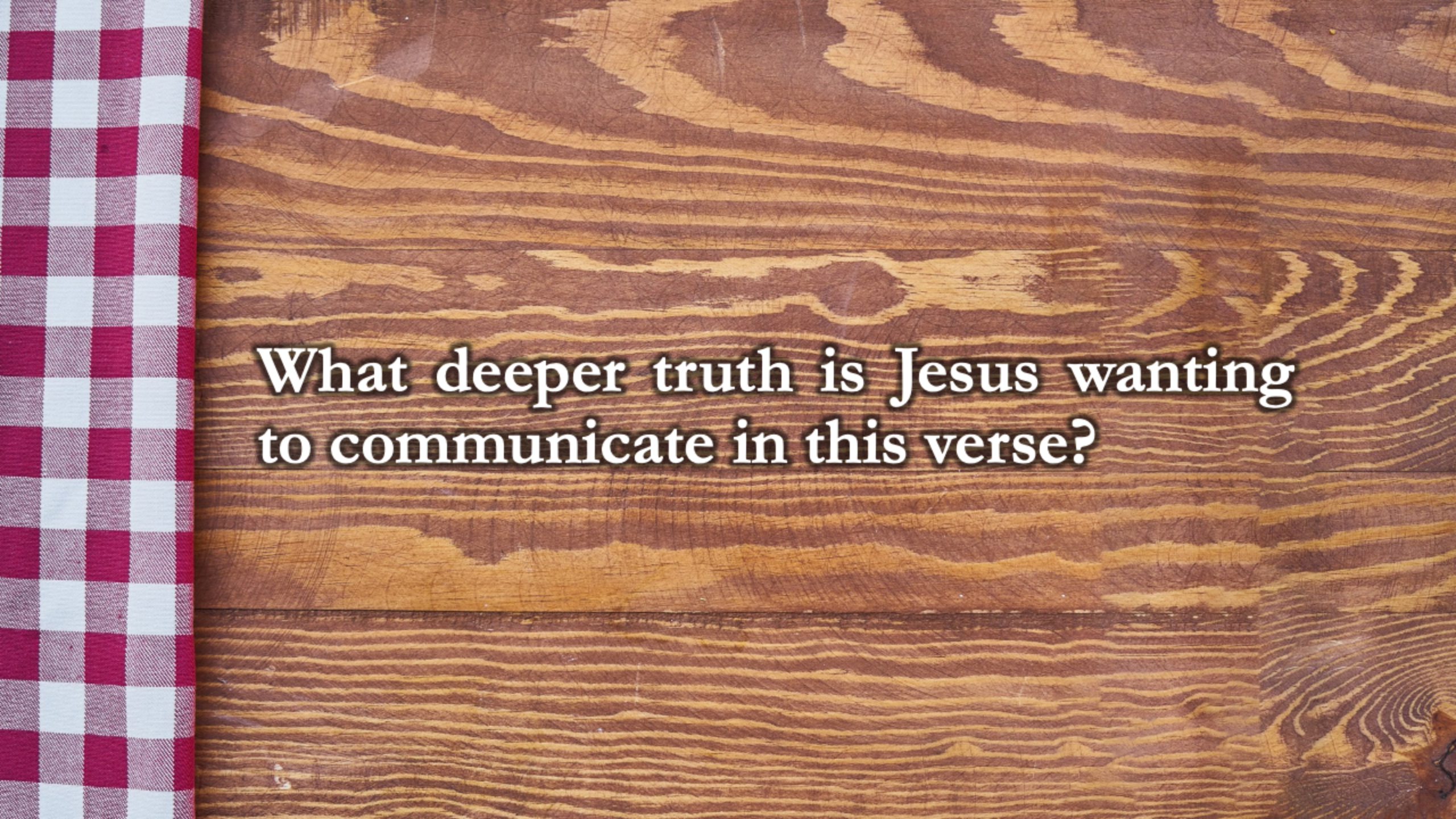
- ❖ He wants us to be willing to allow Him to change everything.



<sup>33</sup> So you cannot become my disciple  
without giving up everything you own.

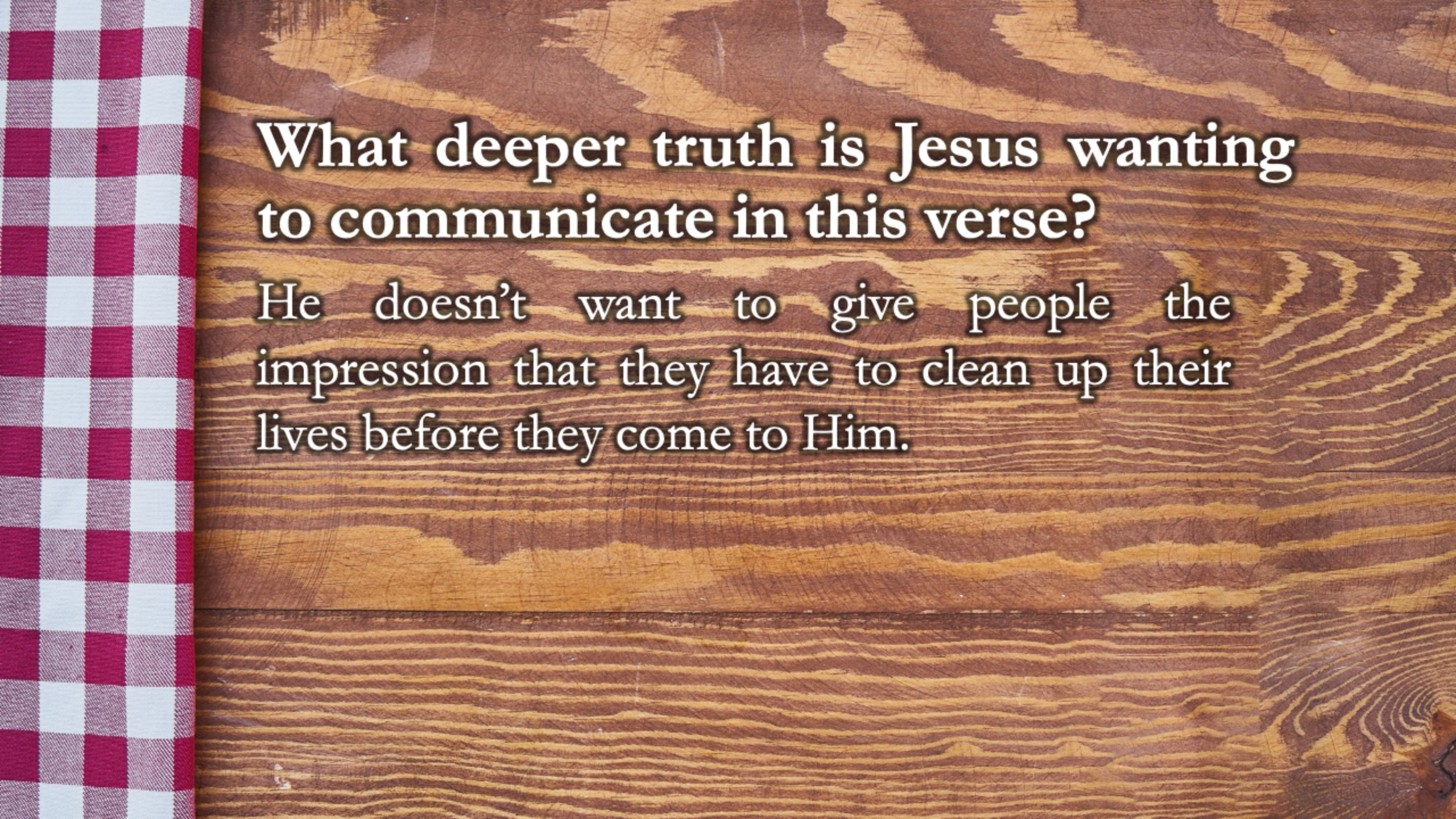
**LUKE 14:33 NLT**



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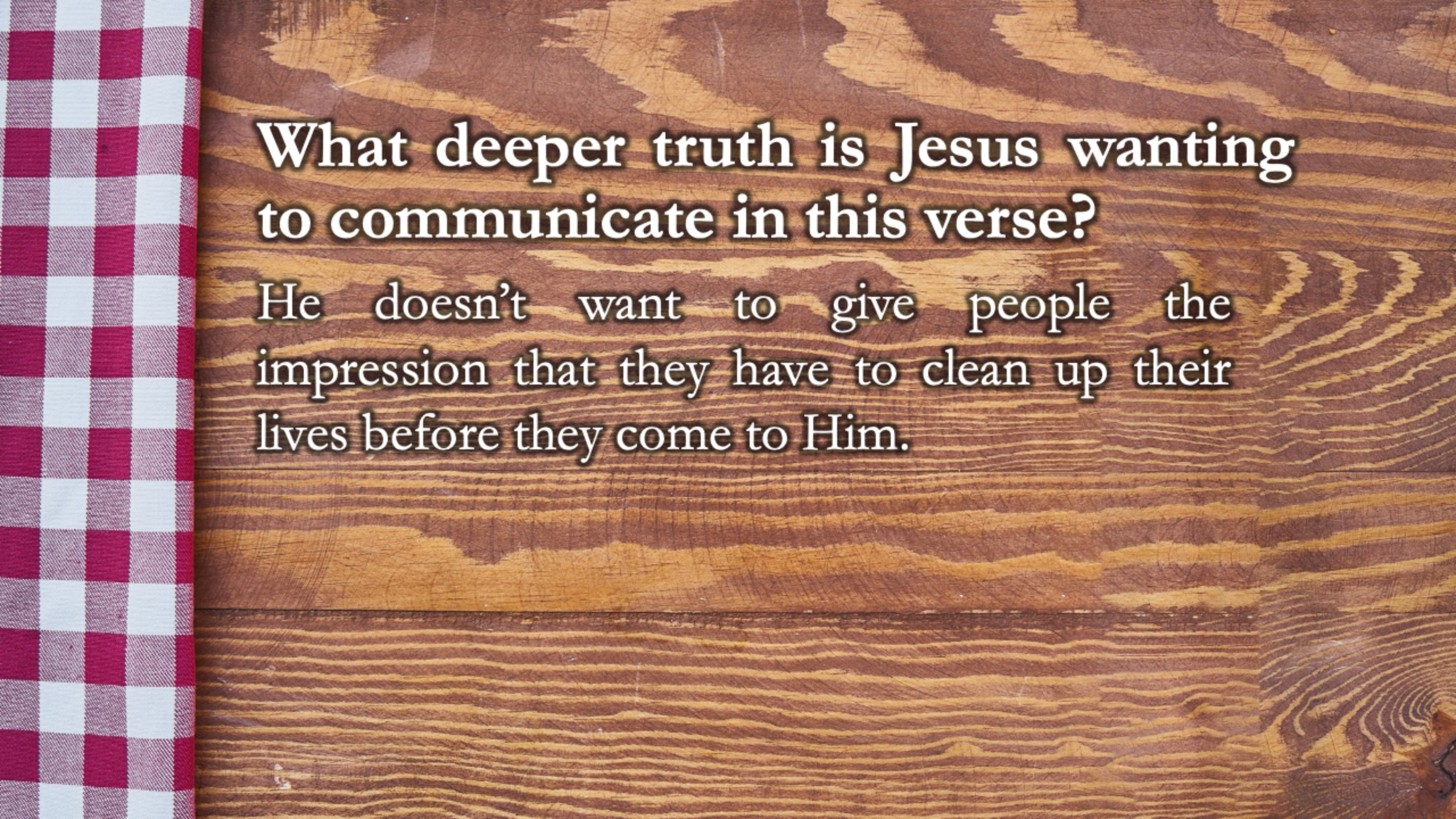




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He doesn't want to give people the impression that they have to clean up their lives before they come to Him.

Yet likewise He doesn't want to give people the impression that He won't want to clean up their lives with their cooperation after they come to Him.