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The Apostles did not hear

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Last week climbing up toward the tops of the Howgill fells with compass map and memory my feet hurt, my breath was short, and my stride unsteady. I had already many miles behind me, and many meals in expensive places that served only basic food.

I stood above the clouds. Looked over the scurrying traffic on the m6 motorway, with its toy cars lorry's, and panic. The mountains of the Lake District seemed blue as portrayed by Van Gogh and I was alive.

I was very much alive

But this sensation of vitality had not come without effort

To pursue the truth you must be prepared to pay the cost.

The apostles were only prepared to listen to what they wanted to hear

Listen , Listen

They put Jesus to death

He was prepared to pay.

He wanted a good salary in a secure job. She wanted a home with comforts and convenience. He wanted holidays in exotic places. She wanted cloths that followed the custom. He wanted food that looked as good as it tasted. She wanted a garden that smelt as good as it looked.

He wanted

She wanted

But non of the gifts of life come without effort

They watched the advertisement's that said what they wanted to hear

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The romance of relationship was portrayed with only a cast of young people. You never saw them with a mop in their hand. You never saw the anxiety of waiting for the child to emerge from the operating theatre. They all seemed content and never startled by something they had not known before. The dangerous obligations of love only ever seemed to have positive and not pointless outcomes.

Let's fall in love

But non of the gifts of life come without effort

They listened to the myth that said what they wanted to hear

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As Roman Catholics we do attempt to follow the example of Christ Jesus

Not in small compartmentalised aspects of our day

But in the whole of life

The crucifixion is a reality

That which is of value always has a cost

Listen Listen

To that which is not easy to hear

They put Jesus to death

He was prepared to pay

Are you prepared to pay

For the vitality

For the prosperity

For the love

There is always a cost

Follow Christ

And be prepared to pay.