

A wooden cross is centered on a green chalkboard background. The text is written in white chalk.

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# Costs Associated with Following Christ

- **Following Christ May Cost Me Family Strife**
  - *Matthew 10:34-37*
  - *Mark 3:31-35*
  - *Luke 12:51-53* → *Genesis 27:46*
- **Following Christ May Cost Me Hardships in Life**
  - *2 Timothy 3:12*
  - *1 Peter 2:19-21*
  - *James 5:10-11* → *Luke 6:26*
- **Following Christ May Cost Me Material Loss**
  - *Mark 10:17-22*
  - *Matthew 19:23-24*
  - *1 Timothy 6:9-10, 17-19*
- **Have you considered the cost? Paying them?**