

**Your Utmost For His Highest
Partner—Week 4**

Psalm 37:3-6 – ³Trust in the Lord and do what is good; dwell in the land and live securely. ⁴Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires. ⁵Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act, ⁶making your righteousness shine like the dawn, your justice like the noonday. (CSB)

I. Your utmost will require **sacrifice**.

Luke 9:24 – For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me will save it. (CSB)

Proverbs 3:9-10 – ⁹Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest; ¹⁰then your barns will be completely filled, and your vats will overflow with new wine. (CSB)

II. Your utmost will require **obedience**.

Luke 14:27-28 – ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸“For which of you, wanting to build a tower, doesn’t first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? (CSB)

III. Your utmost will require **effort**.

Mark 10:29-30 – ²⁹“Truly I tell you,” Jesus said, “there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, ³⁰who will not receive a hundred times more, now at this time—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and eternal life in the age to come. (CSB)

IV. Your utmost will require a **response**.

Mark 1:16-18 – ¹⁶As he passed alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew, Simon’s brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷“Follow me,” Jesus told them, “and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. (CSB)

Thought For The Week:

A Faith Commitment for 2019:

In gratitude for all that Christ has done for me and out of the deep desire to grow in my faith and in obedience to Christ's commands.

I make this faith covenant along with my brothers and sisters of Bethel to be used by God this next year. I commit to showing and sharing God's love with those closest to me, serving God by serving others in our community, and supporting our outreach to the world. Also, because I want somebody to be in heaven because I cared, I'm asking God to give me the privilege of bringing one person to Jesus this next year and see them be baptized and become a part of the fellowship of our church family.

I know I cannot do this on my own power. But I will trust God in giving me all I need to see it happen.

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