



Shofar Christian Church

# **GIVING BIRTH II**

# **Reality of Responsibility**

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## GIVING BIRTH

*18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

*19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.*

**Romans 8:18-23 (NKJV)**

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*<sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;*

*<sup>21</sup> because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*

**Romans 8:18-23 (NKJV)**

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*<sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.*

*<sup>23</sup> Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.*

**Romans 8:18-23 (NKJV)**



# FOUR ASPECTS OF THE BIRTHING PROCESS:

1. *The importance of intimacy.*
2. *The reality of responsibility.*
3. *The pain of pregnancy.*
4. *The beauty of birthing.*

## THERE IS A COST

*24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.*

*25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.*

**Matthew 16:24-25 (NKJV)**

## THERE IS A COST

*<sup>27</sup> And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.*

*<sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—*

**Luke 14:27-30 (NKJV)**

## THERE IS A COST

*<sup>29</sup> lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,*

*<sup>30</sup> saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'*

**Luke 14:27-30 (NKJV)**



## THE COST OF LOVING PEOPLE

*<sup>25</sup> And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"*

*<sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"*

**Luke 10:25-37 (NKJV)**

## THE COST OF LOVING PEOPLE

*27 So he answered and said, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind," and 'your neighbor as yourself.'"*

*28 And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."*

**Luke 10:25-37 (NKJV)**

## THE COST OF LOVING PEOPLE

*<sup>29</sup> But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"*

*<sup>30</sup> Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead."*

**Luke 10:25-37 (NKJV)**

## THE COST OF LOVING PEOPLE

*<sup>31</sup> Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.*

*<sup>32</sup> Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.*

**Luke 10:25-37 (NKJV)**

## THE COST OF LOVING PEOPLE

*<sup>33</sup> But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.*

*<sup>34</sup> So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.*

**Luke 10:25-37 (NKJV)**



## THE COST OF LOVING PEOPLE

*35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'*

*36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"*

*37 And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."*

**Luke 10:25-37 (NKJV)**



## LOVING PEOPLE IS LOVING GOD

*<sup>20</sup> If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.*

*<sup>21</sup> And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.*

**1 John 4:20-21 (ESV)**