“An Offering That Costs’

2 Samuel 24:15-25
Hollywood vs. Bible Themes

Hollywood
• Violence
• Power
• Sex
• Money
• Sensuality

Bible =
• Sin
• Judgment
• Grace
• Mercy
• Salvation
• All here in 2 Samuel 24
Historical Setting of 2 Samuel 24

Vs. 2 – “Go, number the people”
Vs. 8 – The process took 9 months, 20 days
Vs. 10 – David comes under conviction
Vs. 13 – The prophet Gad’s 3 choices
Vs. 15 – 70,000 die from a plague
Vs. 17 – David takes responsibility “I sinned!”
Vs. 18 – Gad: “Go, erect an altar!”
David’s Broken Heart

It’s a terrible thing to see people suffer because of YOUR sin. So it was for King David (vs. 10)

“I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, oh Lord, please take away the iniquity of Thy servant, for I have acted foolishly.”
2 Samuel 24 Continued

Vss. 22-23 – Araunah – “you can have the threshing floor, NO CHARGE!”

Vs. 24 – David: “I WILL NOT OFFER BURNT OFFERINGS TO THE LORD MY GOD WHICH COST ME NOTHING.”

“I want ‘skin in the game.’
Fast Forward to the Cross: God’s Very Personal Sacrifice

“He gave His only-begotten Son…” (John 3:16).

“He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross” (1 Peter 2:24).

“(He) emptied Himself” (Philippians 2:7).
Jesus At The Lord’s Supper

“I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer...” (Luke 22:15).

“This is My body, which is given for you...” (Luke 22:19)

“This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many” (Mark 14:24).
Jesus’ Call to Sacrificial Living

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me” (Matthew 16:24).

Paul – “And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice--the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him” (Romans 12:1-2 NLT)
An Opportunity To Demonstrate His Grip on Us Through Giving!

This generation’s unique opportunity = “prepare to celebrate 200 years!”

**Key step:** upgrade our facilities!

**Goals:**
* raise $60,000 in contributions + pledges
* 100% participation
* not equal giving, but equal sacrifice!
Learning From The Corinthians

3 For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. 4 They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. 5 They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do” (2 Corinthians 8:3-5).
Lots of Ways to Live Sacrificially For the Lord

Investing in God’s Kingdom with:

Time
Talents
Spiritual gifts
Material resources

Does the offering of your life “cost” you?