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So... What Will It Take?

(Micah 6:6-8)

INTRODUCTION: *The parking lot accident:*
“How much will ti take to make this go away?”

I. THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL ASKED GOD:

HOW MUCH WILL IT TAKE FOR FORGIVENESS?

- A. They offered sacrifices of choice calves, thousands of rams & ‘rivers’ of oil (vv.6-7)
- B. They even offered their firstborn children! (v.7)

II. WE OFTEN TRY TO NEGOTIATE WITH GOD FOR HIS FAVOUR & ASK “**HOW MUCH?**”

- A. We offer things like church attendance, offerings, good deeds or acts of service
- B. God tells Israel & us what He wants from us.... Our hearts! (v.8)

III. OUR ‘**HOW MUCH NEGOTIATING’ HAS NO PLACE IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

- A. As we stand at the cross, our negotiating is silenced
- B. So says the foundational Scripture passage of our faith (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- C. Remember that Israel offered their ‘firstborn’?... God gave His firstborn (John 3:16)
- D.. Amazing... we sin & God provides the solution & pays the price
- E. **How much** was the cost to God? ...
It cost Him the life of His Beloved Son

CONCLUSION: *The youth group drama:*

“Does God know what it means to lose a son?”