

OVERCOMING THE OBSTACLES OF OUR OBEDIENCE

The Cost of Following Jesus, Part 2

Mark 8:27-36

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Sermon Notes

“He who saves his life will lose it and he who loses his life for my sake and for the Gospel’s will find it.”

1. Radically individualistic
2. Infantile
3. Passive

Some Steps:

1. Working from the general problem to a specific action
2. You shouldn’t work through this alone.
3. Christlikeness comes with discipline, with repetitive action.
4. Never forget grace.



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Questions for Home & Growth Groups

1. Discuss the meaning of the Jesus words: ““If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save [Find] it.” What self or life do we lose and what self or life do we find or save?
2. Which of the three characteristics of the Broken American Self did you feel most convicted about or identify with most closely? How do one or more of those characteristics manifest themselves in your life?
3. What are some possible actions of self denial Jesus might ask you to take to put this broken self to death?
4. What are some possible positive actions He might ask you to do in in place of the broken self?
5. If anyone has come to some settled convictions about areas they need to deny themselves and imitate Christ, spend some time in prayer asking for God’s help, guidance and strength in doing so.
6. For those still wrestling with what Jesus might have them do, model your prayer after Peter’s request before he got out of the boat: “Lord, bid me come out to you...” Ask Him to make it clear what areas you need to deny yourself and what he wants you to do about it as an act of spiritual discipline.