

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Surrendering To Jesus.

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We live in a world today that promotes comfort, convenience, and control. If something goes beyond what's convenient, then the response is often, "I don't have the time or energy to go that direction." If it's quick, I'll take it. If it doesn't require me to go out of my way, then I'll do it. If it boosts my confidence, mood, and motivation, then I'm in.

There's nothing inherently wrong with that—don't get me wrong!

However, Jesus calls us to something much deeper. He says

in Luke 9:23–24, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

What a statement!

Jesus calls us to deny ourselves, take up the cross, and follow Him.

The cost of following Jesus is far greater than our own convenience. But what does that truly mean?

Following Jesus is not about our comfort. It's not about what's easiest for me, most convenient for me, or what works best for me. Following Jesus is a daily price to be paid. It's costly! And living a surrendered life is costly.

The good news is, Jesus also says, *"For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."*

When we choose to follow Jesus—even at great personal cost—we don't just give something up. We gain something far greater in return. It may cost our comfort,

convenience, and control, but in return, we gain abundance—a life of peace, love, purpose, and eternity.

Our character and desires begin to align with heaven.

And through it all, Jesus is glorified—and we get to partake in His healing, hope, and salvation.

So here's the question:

Is there an area in your life where convenience has taken priority over obedience to Jesus?

What would it look like for you to lay that down, take up your cross, and follow Him—daily?