

# Now, What Do I Do with the Cross?

## Meditations On The Cross #5 - April 7, 2024 - Luke 9:21-25

Luke 9:21-25 (ESV) Luke 9:21-25 (ESV) <sup>21</sup> And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, <sup>22</sup> saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." <sup>23</sup> And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. <sup>25</sup> For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?

### How to Live the Self-Sacrificial Life that brings Eternal Reward:

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 4:1-2 (ESV) And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry.

John 14:31 (ESV) I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

John 13:3-5 (ESV) Jesus...rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

Luke 22:42 (NLT) Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Daily.

Galatians 2:20 (NLT) My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

John 14:12-13 (NLT) This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Philippians 2:3 (ESV) Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 7:13-14 (ESV) Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy[a] that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

1 John 2:6 (NLT) Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

1 Peter 2:21 (ESV) For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

Luke 6:46-48 (NLT) "So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say? I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built.

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Hebrews 12:2 (ESV) Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.