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Matthew 16:24-28

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. 25 If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. 26 And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?[a] Is anything worth more than your soul? 27 For the Son of Man will come with his angels in the glory of his Father and will judge all people according to their deeds. 28 And I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Son of Man coming in his Kingdom.”



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Self-denial has less to do with us and has more to do with our willingness to be obedient. If we are going to be disciples of Christ, then we must deny ourselves which would mean we are being obedient to the will of God and fulfilling His purposes of being reconciled to Him and glorifying Him rather than ourselves. Jesus was teaching Peter that suffering and glory always go together. We may suffer a little while, but the glory of the Lord is forevermore. Peter had to learn, and thus we learn, that our self-denial means bearing the cross of Christ.



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