

Luke 9 Pt 3

Magnify the Lord

- **Peter:** You are the Messiah of God v20

IV. Follow Me

21 And He strictly warned and commanded them to **tell this to no one**, 22 saying, "The Son of Man **must suffer** many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day."

Don't disclose who I am until the Father's time
When they know Me for who I AM... they will kill Me

- Jews waiting for a Messiah to conquer Rome
- God sent a Lamb to conquer sin, death, and hell

Son of Man **must** experience the suffering of man
No one can ever say God does not understand

- **Willingly** suffered harsh cruelty of men He came to save Witness man's sin
- **Willingly** went to the Cross die for those who hate Him Witness God's love

Jesus chose to obey His Father...
He knew His purpose...Nothing would stop Him

- **Jesus Kingdom is not of this world**
- **Jesus came to this world to bring truth:** Man's need for a Savior...

John 18:36 [To Pilate] **My kingdom is not of this world.** If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." 37 Pilate therefore said to [Jesus], "**Are You a king then?**" Jesus answered, "**You say rightly that I am a king.** For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. **Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.**"

John 19:1 ... [After having Jesus tortured] Pilate said, "**Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?**" 11 Jesus answered, "**You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above**"

Those who know Jesus know He is the fiercest of Warriors
Ferocious in doing His Father's will to save our souls...

Isaiah 50:6 I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. 7 "For the Lord God will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore **I have set My face like a flint**, And I know that I will not be ashamed. 8 He is near who justifies Me; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me.

Son of Man chose to willingly suffer/die for you/your family to save you from hell
That's a Man. That's a Warrior. That's our Savior. Someone we desire to follow?

23 Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and **take up his cross daily**, and follow Me.

What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? Why does this verse follow the last? Choose every day to suffer/die for those around us to see them saved from hell

- **Deny self:** For Father's purpose, i.e. to lead people to Jesus
- **Take our Cross:** Daily bearing our instrument of death. Humility before undeserving
- **Follow Him:** Suffering/Death/Resurrection

Following Jesus: Tenacity/Victory over Temptation/Triumph

Isaiah 50:7 [Tenacity] I have **set My face** like a flint/I know that I will not be ashamed. [I'm doing this]

Luke 22:42 [Temptation] "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless **not My will, but Yours, be done.**" [I'm still doing this]

Hebrews 12:2 [Triumph] [Look] unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. [It is finished!]

Taking up the cross means setting our face daily toward Father's purpose without complaining. Imagine if Jesus complained as He carried the cross through the streets. Instead He took the shame and ridicule. Instead, He said "Forgive them Father for they know not what they do?" Denying self means dying to self; to what we want to do or what we want to say or how we want to fight and it is going to sting...bad. **Are we followers of Jesus?** [NJC]

- Jesus was fully committed to the purpose of His Father

24 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

We no longer talk about My Time, My Stuff, My Plan, My Hopes, My Dreams
It is now God's Time, God's Stuff, God's Plan etc...

1 Corinthians 6:19 ...do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and **you are not your own?** 20 For you were **bought at a price**; therefore **glorify God in your body** and in your spirit, which are God's.

- Kingdom of Self must be destroyed if we are to enter the Kingdom of God
 1. Selfishness
 2. Self-will
 3. Self-gratification
 4. Self-glorification
 5. Self-edification
 6. Self-life...put to death

Self is the opaque veil that hides the face of God from us... We must invite the cross to do its deadly work within us. [Tozer]

- Are we ready for the “**deadly work**” that brings true life?

When we talk of the rending of the veil [to get to God’s heart] we are speaking in a figure, and the thought of it is poetic, almost pleasant; but there is nothing pleasant about it. In human experience that veil is made of living spiritual tissue, it is composed of the [living], quivering stuff of which our whole being consists, and to touch it is to touch where we feel pain. To tear it away is to injure us, to hurt us and make us bleed. To say otherwise is to make the cross no cross and death no death at all. **It is never fun to die.** [Tozer]

Humility is the instrument of death to self/Humility is the conduit of life to God [NJC]

We lose nothing of our true self when choose to die for others...

You don't lose a seed when you plant it, though it seems dead and buried. Instead, you set the seed free to **be what it was always intended to be.** [Guzik]

Philippians 2:3 *Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem **others better than himself.*** ⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵ Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He **humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death**, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

When we see people confront their suffering nobly, **there’s nothing in that but good.**
[Secular observation by Jordan Peterson] *They see a true man/true woman* italic mine

- **Humility:** Considering others more important...Important enough to lay down our anger, sarcasm, insults, judgment...To suffer in the flesh to see them saved.

Cant rise from the dead if we don’t die...Ain’t no Crown w/out the Cross
If anyone desires to come after Me? **Are we followers of Jesus?**

25 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself **destroyed or lost?**

He who dies w/the most toys still dies
It all burns... Never see a hearse towing a U-Haul

Q. If you lose your soul what else matters? **A.** Nothing

26 For **whoever is ashamed** of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father’s, and of the holy angels.

Deny Self. Follow Me Carrying your cross every day. Die to self. Live to God.

John 6:66 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "**Do you also want to go away?**" 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "**Lord, to whom shall we go?** You have the words of eternal life."

Jesus ashamed? Embarrassed that we claim to follow but would not suffer for His sake
We are to boldly proclaim Jesus w/out apology or fear of suffering

2 Corinthians 11:22 [not that we won't suffer] ...in labors more abundant, in **stripes** above measure, in **prisons** more frequently, in **deaths** often. ²⁴From the Jews five times I received **forty stripes** minus one. ²⁵Three times I was **beaten with rods**; once I was **stoned**; three times I was **shipwrecked**; a night and a day I have been in the deep; ²⁶in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the **Gentiles**, in perils in the **city**, in perils in the **wilderness**, in perils in the sea, in perils among **false brethren**; ²⁷in weariness and toil, in **sleeplessness** often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness— ²⁸besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my **deep concern** for all the churches.

- **All of this to fulfill the purpose of the Father:** Souls saved from Death and Hell

Paul trusted His life to Jesus because he knew Jesus could be trusted...

2 Timothy 1:8b [Don't be ashamed] but **join with me in suffering for the gospel** according to the **power of God** [Therefore] **12 ... I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed**

Romans 1:16 ...I am **not ashamed** of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...

Paul trusted His life to Jesus knowing his reward was coming...and it was good
We have the same promise

2 Corinthians 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory...

1 Peter 4:13 [don't be surprised by suffering...] but **rejoice to the extent that you partake** of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

I AM coming in My glory/Glory of My Father/w/ My Holy Angels...
We want Jesus to recognize us as Followers not Spectators...

Luke 18:8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, **will He really find faith on the earth?"**

- Faith means He finds us with our face set like flint doing the Father's will...
- Humbling ourselves before a hell-bound world that **needs the Jesus we know**

27 But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they **see the kingdom of God.**"

- Peter, James, and John get a taste of their future reward when the war is over