

**Title:** When Losing Equals Winning

**Text:** Luke 9:21-26

**Introduction:**

Is loss necessary for victory?

The Biggest Loser! (Luke 9:21-22)

- **Relationally** —*His followers deserted him.* Mark 14:48-51
- **Socially** – *His fans cancelled him* - Matthew 27:23
- **Politically** – *His enemies defeated him.* Matthew 26:3; 27:27-31
- **Personally** – *He lost his reputation.* Matthew 27:42
- **Spiritually** – *He felt abandoned by his Father.* Matthew 27:46
- **Physically** – *He lost his life.* Matthew 27:50

The Biggest Winner! *on the third day he was raised to life.*”

Luke 24:6; Rev. 1: 17-18; Matthew 28:18

**“So What?”**

How do we turn losing into winning? Luke 9:23

*...must deny themselves...*

*...take up their cross daily*

<https://activechristianity.org/what-does-it-mean-to-take-up-your-cross-daily>

*...follow me*

It is not until we are willing to give up our version of our best lives, that we can begin to live the true best life.

Luke 9:24

**“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.” Jim Elliot**

Our prayer of victory - Ephesians 1:15-23