

## Selfless Follow Jesus

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**Mark 8:27-38** Jesus and his disciples left Galilee and went up to the villages near **Caesarea Philippi**. As they were walking along, he asked them, “**Who do people say I am?**” “Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other prophets.” Then he asked them, “**But who do you say I am?**” Peter replied, “**You are the Messiah**. But Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead. As he talked about this openly with his disciples, **Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things**. Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. “**Get away from me, Satan!**” he said. “**You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God’s**. Then, **calling the crowd to join his disciples**, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. **But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it**. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

### Following Jesus:

- ✓ Crowd: Come and see.
- ✓ Congregation: Come and join us.
- ✓ Committed: Come and grow.
- ✓ Core: Come and serve.
- ✓ Commissioned: Come and die.

### Here is what I am encouraging you to do:

- Go from no commitment to Total Commitment.
- Go from a Consumer to Contributor.
- Go from Savior to Lord.

**1 John 5:13** These things I have written to you who **believe** in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may **continue to believe** in the name of the Son of God.

**John 1:12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to **become** children of God, to those who **believe** in His name.

**Mark 1:17** Then Jesus said to them, Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.

What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus?

1. We are born self-centered.

**Mark 9:33-35** After they arrived at Capernaum and settled in a house, Jesus asked his disciples, “What were you discussing out on the road?” But they didn’t answer, because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.

**Mark 10:35-38** Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.” “You don’t know what you are asking,”

2. We are Born Again Christ Centered.

**Mark 10:41-45** When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

**Romans 1:1** Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle...

3. We become like Jesus.

**John 3:30** He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.

**John 13:12-15** After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, “Do you understand what I was doing? You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and you are right, because that’s what I am. And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.

**Walk Away:** Today, I will take a step in becoming more like Jesus.