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2025_11_09 Luke 9v23-27





Then he said to them all, “If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me will save it. For what does it benefit someone if he gains the whole world, and yet loses or forfeits himself?

Luke 9v23-25 (CSB)



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Scripture



For whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and that of the Father and the holy angels. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.”

Luke 9v26-27 (CSB)



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Scripture



**Matthew 10v37-39, Matthew 16:24-26,
Mark 8:34-36, John 12v23-26**



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Scripture



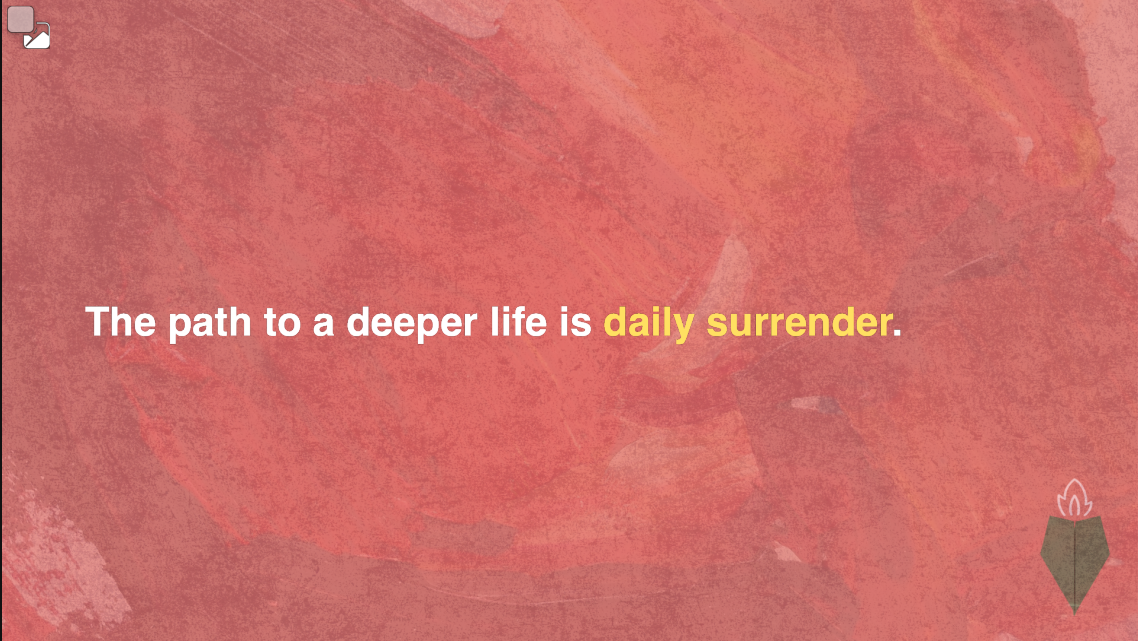
Three commands in Luke 9v23-27:

- Deny
- Take up
- Follow




5 Group

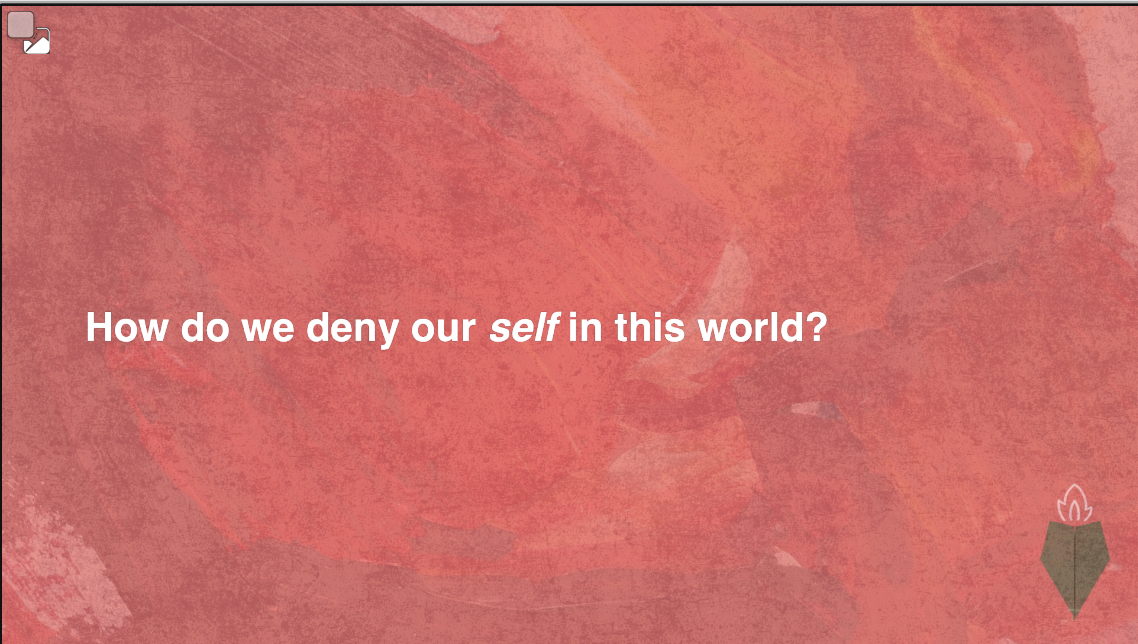
Scripture




The path to a deeper life is **daily surrender**.



6 Scripture



How do we deny our *self* in this world?



7 Scripture



Denying yourself and picking up your cross is dying to the pursuit of **self-fulfillment** and **self-gratification**.



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Scripture



The *self*, which Jesus has in mind, is the part of our *heart* that **resists God** and **desires to be God**.



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Scripture



“Christ-followers do not come into the Christian life with merely habituated sinful desires, dispositions, and their resultant sinful behaviors (the deeds of the flesh), but more profoundly Christ-followers bring with them the habituated, idolatrous proclivities of their pre- and post-conversion attempts to live autonomously from God.”

Dr. Steve Porter



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Scripture



**This is the paradox of Jesus:
losing = finding
dying = living**



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Scripture



Often, we get stuck in the Christian life not because we stop believing but because we stop surrendering the *self*.



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Scripture



The “gospel of self” teaches:

- The highest good is individual freedom and self-expression.
- Anything that restricts this must be deconstructed.
- Progress comes as personal freedom expands – whatever, whenever, wherever I want.
- Tolerance is the supreme virtue.
- Humans are inherently good, and external authority is suspect.



*A summary of Mark Sayers

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Scripture



The gospel of Jesus says, “deny you, and you’ll find me!”



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Scripture



The path to a deeper life is **daily surrender.**



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Scripture



Possibility 1: deny Jesus, follow self (lose your life)

Possibility 2: deny self, follow Jesus (save your life)



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Scripture



“God cannot bless us until he has us. When we try to keep within us an area that is our own, we try to keep an area of death. Therefore, in love, he claims all. There’s no bargaining with him.”

C. S Lewis



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Scripture



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