

Take up Your Cross



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# *Excruciat*

*Ex* - Out of or from

*Cruciare* - From *crux* or cross -

crucify/torment

## 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

**For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God...<sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom,<sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,**

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

**<sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews & Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.**

Luke 9

**21 Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. 22 And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”**

## Luke 9

**23 Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. 25 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?”**

Luke 9

**26 Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.**

**27 “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”**

# The Good News

Romans 3:23

Romans 5:8

John 3:16

Romans 6:23

Romans 10:9

What did Jesus mean, “take up your cross daily?”

2 things: both the act of surrender of becoming a follower of Jesus, & what a surrendered life look like

1) I surrender to Jesus by first taking responsibility for my sin.

Thank God: Jesus died on His cross  
so I don't have to die on mine

## Galatians 2:20

<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

2) I surrender my life *daily* to His will  
for my life.

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Do you take up your cross by owning up to your sin?

2) I surrender my life *daily* to His will  
for my life.

Are you an LSU football fan? How dedicated are you to watching LSU football?

Are you a follower of Jesus? How dedicated are you to the things you do to know Jesus and make Him known?

## 2 groups of activities

- 1) Things we would do whether or not we followed Jesus.
- 2) Things we do because we follow Jesus.

Are the “I won’t miss this”  
activities in your life more likely  
to be Group 1 or Group 2?

Taking up your cross daily looks like surrender and sacrifice. What are you most likely to “sacrifice”?

What would it look like if we all decided to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus?