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- He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said to Him, "You are the Christ."
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The Essence of Real Living:

2. Remain open to divine enlightenment *(Real Living Potential)*

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- 31 And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.
- 32 He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.
- 33 But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

The Essence of Real Living:

3. A willingness to follow Christ regardless of cost (Growth realized)

Mark 8:34

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

The Essence of Real Living:

4. Embrace the divine paradox of losing to keep (Mature growth

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- 35 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.
- 36 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?
- 37 Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?
- 38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

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Week's Challenge

Let's consciously turn from self-centeredness to God-centeredness in one area of our life.

