

Written in Red: Words of Jesus

Saving your life by losing it

Luke 9:23-25

Introduction

When people recognized who Jesus was, many were interested in following him. They admired him, liked what he stood for, were amazed by the miracles he did and were challenged by the things he said.

So, to anyone who wanted to become his follower he gave clear and specific directions. They weren't confusing or hard to grasp. Just hard to do.

Starting with no: Deny yourself

- The one thing we are most committed to
- Getting to "No" yourself

What would it mean for me to deny myself and make Jesus Lord of my life?

Choosing a lifestyle: Take up your cross daily

- This gets lived out in public
- We do it every day

What will it look like for me to carry my cross during the next seven days? For the rest of my life?

Moving in one direction: Follow me

- Following Jesus' example
- Following the path Jesus took
- Joining Jesus in what he is doing

Where will following Jesus take me this week? Forever?

Ultimate winning and losing: Saving your life

- It is possible to win lots but lose everything
- It is possible to win everything that matters

What do I have to gain? To lose?

Next Week: Who has been forgiven much loves much
Luke 7:36-50