



The Cost of Discipleship

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“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” Luke 9:23

1. Taking up our cross is an act of the WILL.
2. The cross is the pinnacle of SUFFERING.
3. The cross is the most extreme expression of OPPRESSION.
4. The cross is the worst form of HUMILIATION.
5. The cross is the ultimate mark of SELF-DENIAL.

My Next Steps:

“When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

- What rights is Jesus calling you to die to right now? List some of them here. Who will you tell about it?
- In what areas are you holding onto your own reputation? Is “looking good before others” too important to you? What can you do to surrender that to God?
- What does it mean for you to take up your cross at this point in your life? What will you do differently this week?