



Message Reflections

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"I have now concentrated all my prayers into one, and that one prayer is this, that I may die to self and live wholly to Him."

Charles Spurgeon

Much of Luke 9 centers around Jesus' identity, as well as dying to our own wills. Jesus' disciples are faced with the question of who He is and the implications of following Him. Embracing Jesus' true identity is foundational, because in embracing Him as King, we can become who God made us to be.

Read Luke 9:18-26.

Take a few minutes and meditate on the three things that Jesus said were to be done if a person were to come after Him (Luke 9:23).

What does it mean for you to...

✓ **Deny yourself**

- In what ways do you deny yourself as a follower of Christ?

✓ **Take Up Your Cross**

- What does it look like for you to be "*abandoned to God*" in every circumstance of your life?

"The secret to peace, as great apprentices of Jesus have long known, is being abandoned to God."

Dallas Willard – Renovations of the Heart

- What are you currently going through in life that you need to abandon to God?

✓ **Follow Jesus**

- What does it mean for you to follow a servant king? What ideas, dreams, goals, desires, or expectations do you have that are getting in the way of following Christ?

King Jesus is a better king than you or I will ever be. If you insist on being in control of your life, it might go okay for a while, but eventually things go out of control.

Here's a radical proposal given to us in the Scriptures: Jesus is the king of the universe, and if you crown Him king of your life—not only in word, but in practice—everything will change for you. Everything!

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