

Luke 9:23-25 (ESV)

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

²³ And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?”

What do you want in LIFE?



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In Luke 9, Jesus says

23 Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me. **24** If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. **25** And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?”

Hanging onto your life = losing it

Giving up your life for Jesus' sake =
saving or gaining your life

A WHOLE NEW IDENTITY

Our old sense of self and identity has to die

We receive from Jesus his new identity,
a whole new true self

Jesus calls us to deny
ourselves, pick up the cross
and follow him

Jesus surprises us
with awesome
stories!

Is there something that
you need to give to Jesus to
gain LIFE?