

*Jesus Says...*

*Follow Me*

**Luke 9:23-28**

*If we miss what Jesus is telling us here about following Him then our picture of the Christian life is probably mostly wrong since it fails to include so much of what is right!*

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## **Exposition (what it means)**

### **Vs. 23**

- **Context**
- **Committed and loyal disciples of Jesus...**
- **Say 'No' to self**
  - rejecting self-centeredness, self absorption, and self-determination
  - abdicating the throne of your life, relinquishing the right to rule it

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- **Willingly shoulder a cross**
  - Cross = a brutal and humiliating means of execution
  - Regarding your life in this world as already finished

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  - Not just the decision of a moment,  
but the path of a lifetime

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### **Vs. 24, 25**

- **For keepers are losers!**
- **Normal, natural life – received at birth**
- **Abnormal, supernatural – received by a new birth**

### **Vs. 26**

- **Our attitude toward him now and our final, ultimate salvation are inseparably linked**

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**Application (what it means to us)**

**Whose approval are you seeking?**

- *Q. Aren't you 'throwing your life away'?*  
*A. Yes, that's just what I am intending to do!*

**Are you losing or keeping?**

- *He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose!*

**Do you have any difficulties for Christ's sake?**

- *Difficulties alone do not indicate cross-bearing, though difficulties for Christ's sake do. Do we have any difficulties because we are closely following Jesus?*