

Truth Be Told
Part 6 – “Save Your Life”
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Winning the war for your soul isn't about self-improvement but self-denial.

Mark 8:27-30

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am? They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.” Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

Mark 8:31-32

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

Mark 8:33

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

Mark 8:34

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Mark 8:35

For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

Group Questions

1. Which of the following do you think American Christianity has created? Explain.
 - a. Religious
 - b. Crowds
 - c. Jesus followers
 - i. Which of these groups have you spent time in?
2. Review Mark 8:31-32. Why did Jesus say that he “must” suffer and die?
3. Read Mark 8:33. What’s the connection between “Satan” and “mere human concerns”? Are there any categories where you drift toward mere human concerns?
4. Read Luke 14:25-33.
 - a. Why does Jesus want us to weigh the cost of following him?
 - b. Make a list of what it can or will cost us to follow Jesus today. Don't stop until you have at least ten. For extra credit, go for 20.

5. Read Mark 8:35-38. Is the cost worth it? Why do you think so?
6. What was most helpful for you from this series?