



find &  follow



1

follow



MARK 8:27-30 ESV

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the



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prophets.”²⁹ And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.”³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.



MARK 8:31-32A ESV

³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly.



MARK 8:32B-33 ESV

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”





There is usually **tension** between the way God **thinks** about things and how man **thinks** about things.

2

We need to get our minds right and be thinking the right way about what it means to **follow** Jesus.



MARK 8:34-38 ESV

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my



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sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?

³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”





A breakdown of what many call
the **foundational** passage on
discipleship in all the New Testament.

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We follow Jesus by:
Taking up our cross

We follow Jesus by:
Self-denial



Jesus calls us to self-denial because we don't want to **experience** the suffering, rejection, death and pain that taking up our cross and **following** Jesus can sometimes bring.

The Motivation

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The Motivation

The idea here is:

save \longrightarrow lose

lose \longrightarrow save

In this context what
does save and lose mean?

When we try to save our life
in this world we strive for:

When we try to save our life
in this world we strive for:

acceptance

glory

comfort

safety

When we are willing to lose
our life in this world we accept:

When we are willing to lose
our life in this world we accept:

opposition

shame

rejection

death

JOHN 12:25 NLT

²⁵ Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity.



MARK 10:28-30 NLT

²⁸ Then Peter began to speak up. “We’ve given up everything to follow you,” he said.



MARK 10:28-30 NLT

²⁹ “Yes,” Jesus replied, “and I assure you that everyone who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property, for my sake and for the Good News, ³⁰ will receive now in return a hundred times as many houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and property—along with persecution. And in the world to come that person will have eternal life.”



3

Are you **following** Jesus?



Are you **following** Jesus?

Are you following Jesus
in such a way that you
invest differently?



Are you **following** Jesus?

Are you following Jesus
in such a way that you
invest differently?

Are you following Jesus
in such a way that you
love differently?



Are you **following** Jesus?

Are you following Jesus
in such a way that you
live differently?



Are you **following** Jesus?

Are you following Jesus
in such a way that you
live differently?

Are you following Jesus
in such a way that you
think differently?

