

The Path of a Disciple!
Mark 8:34-38
Lesson #33
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Matthew 28:19 *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. ^[20] And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

Mark 8:31 *“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.”*

I. What is involved in following Jesus?

A. The person following Jesus must deny self.

****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”*

1 Peter 1:15 *“But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do.”*

B. The person following Jesus must deal with suffering.

****Mark 8:34b** *“... and take up their cross”*

John 15:18 *“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.”*

John 15:21 *“They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me.”*

2 Timothy 3:12 *“In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.”*

C. The person following Jesus must be a dedicated follower.

****Mark 8:34c** *“... and follow me.”*

John 10:27 *“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”*

Matthew 5:44 "But it tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

II. What warning is there for those who fail to follow Jesus?

A. Those who are engrossed in this world lose.

****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."

****Mark 8:36** "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"

****Mark 8:37** "Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"

B. Those who are embarrassed by Jesus and His Word are warned.

****Mark 8:38** "If anyone is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when He comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

John 1:29 "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

How can we follow Jesus?

A. We should love Jesus more than anyone or anything!

Mark 10:30 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

B. We should learn His Word.

Psalms 119:16 "I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word."

Psalms 119:27 Let me understand the teaching of your precepts; then I will meditate on your wonders."

Psalms 119:33 "Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end."

Psalms 119:34 "Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart."

Psalms 119:35 "Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight."

C. We should live according to the Word!

Psalms 119:9 "How can a young man keep His way pure? By living according to your Word."

Psalms 119:10 "I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands."

Psalms 119:11 "I have hidden your Word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

John 14:15 "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

D. We should let go of sin, since it hinders us from following Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

E. We should look in faith to Jesus for salvation!