

Upgrade: Choose to Lose!

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I. Introduction

II. Choose to Lose

A. *Mark 8:27-38*

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Phillipi.

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 prophets." 29 And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ (Messiah)."

1. Messiah: The anointed one. Our Liberator.

30 And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. 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 of priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 And he said this plainly. 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 (on concerns of God), but on the things of man." (Merely human concerns) 34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me (be my disciple,) 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 sake (for Me) and the gospel's will save it.

B. Jesus reframes all of life by asking a revealing question.

36 For what does it profit a man (or what good is it) to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? 37 For what can a man give in return for his soul?

C. At this moment we discover something about ourselves.

1. My soul > My things

2. 38 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

III. Conclusion

A. Salvation is free. But at some point, leaving consumer Christianity will cost you something.

B. Everyone dies FROM something, we can die FOR something.