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**Luke 9:23-24 (NLT)** - Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. <sup>24</sup> If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it."

When you choose to follow after Jesus, His promises will follow after you, and it will cost you everything.

### 1. Decision

- a) Luke 9:23a (NLT) - Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower..."
- b) Provider
- c) Healer
- d) Saviour

### 2. Death

- a) Luke 9:23b (NLT) - "...you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily and follow me."
- b) Salvation is free, but following Jesus is costly. Discipleship is costly.
- c) Billy Graham "Jesus doesn't simply call us to believe that He existed, or even to believe that He can save us. He calls us to commit our whole lives to Him."

### 3. Deliverance

- a) Luke 9:24 (NLT) - "If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it."
- b) John 8:31 (NLT) - Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. <sup>32</sup> And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

## Study Guide

1. Does it surprise you that following Jesus is costly? Why or why not?
2. God has great promises for you, but it requires death to self. Is this hard to accept? Why or why not?
3. Jesus paid the ultimate price on our behalf so we can live forever. Salvation is free, but discipleship is costly. Are you willing to enter into this relationship?
4. Today we challenge you to surrender your life to Jesus in exchange for NEW LIFE. Pray with us:

Dear Heavenly Father, I open up my heart and surrender my life to you. I want Jesus to be my Lord and Saviour. I give up my will to do your will, now and forever. Thank you for saving me and giving me new life and great promises. Amen.