



OUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE CROSS

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PETER MOVES FROM INSIGHT TO INDISCRETION

LUKE 9:18-22; MATTHEW 16:13-23

Peter demonstrates it's possible to know who God _____ and still struggle with what God _____.

REPRESENTED BY A CROSS, NOT A CROWN

LUKE 9:23-27; MATTHEW 16:24-27

The lesson here is not about how to _____ a believer, or even how to _____ you're a believer; it's about how to _____ like a believer.

Jesus knew about us:

- ▶ Everyone wants a Savior, few can handle a _____.
- ▶ We'd focus more on this world than _____.
- ▶ We'd focus more on ourselves than _____.
- ▶ We'd prefer to be blessed than to be _____.

SO, WHAT DOES "TAKING UP OUR CROSS" MEAN?

LUKE 9:23

- ① It's simply a picture of _____; it's not about _____ yourself of something good.
- ② It's a _____ priority, not a _____ decision.
 - ▶ We all have a _____ cross to bear.
 - ▶ It means dying daily to your own _____ and your own _____ and your own _____.
- ③ It will involve a surrendered _____; it's accepting our _____ in His Kingdom.

WHY WOULD WE CHOOSE TO LIVE THIS WAY?

LUKE 9:24-26

- ① It will keep me from becoming _____ in my own life.
- ② It will keep me from being _____ by the stuff of this world.
- ③ It will keep me from _____ what's coming next.