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**“Can You Deny Yourself?”**  
**(Mark 8:27-38)**

In our culture, we have lost the understanding of \_\_\_\_\_ to our self.

To the early Christians, the cross was a \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus was willing to give up \_\_\_\_\_!

Do we really want Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_ in us? Do we really want the \_\_\_\_\_?

**1.- Many of us have learned to deny ourselves. We have seen that oftentimes \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ is in our best interest.**

To gain \_\_\_\_\_ over our desires – this is the path that leads to \_\_\_\_\_!

When we have a goal, self-denial doesn't feel like a \_\_\_\_\_. It feels like an \_\_\_\_\_ in a greater good.

It is a test of our manhood or womanhood that we are able to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves.

Self-denial will not bring us fulfillment if we live only for \_\_\_\_\_!

Ultimate fulfillment comes only when we say, “I'm doing this for \_\_\_\_\_!”

**2.- There is only one \_\_\_\_\_ that leads to success. That is when we deny ourselves in order to take up the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus!**

The key to truly successful living is to deny ourselves in order that God may fill us to \_\_\_\_\_ with His \_\_\_\_\_ and power!

Jesus makes it clear that his \_\_\_\_\_ followers are those who will follow him to the \_\_\_\_\_!

A lot of us want to \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus, but we don't want to \_\_\_\_\_ him!

There is no true love without \_\_\_\_\_! So, if we love him, what are we willing to sacrifice?

When we come to the end of life, do you wonder if Jesus will ask, “Where are your \_\_\_\_\_? Was there nothing worth \_\_\_\_\_ for?”

\_\_\_\_\_ yourself. Take up the cross of the Master!

No other lifestyle is ultimately \_\_\_\_\_!

No other lifestyle can permanently change the world in which we live!

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