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**Hebrews 12:10** *Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. <sup>14</sup> Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.*

- Your \_\_\_\_\_.

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Romans 12:1 *Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.*

<sup>2</sup> *Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

- Your f\_\_\_\_\_ with "the world"

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James 4:4 *You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.*

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John 15:13 *Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command.*

<sup>15</sup> *I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.*

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## Following God in 2010

January 3, 2010

Luke 9:23-26

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<sup>24</sup> *For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.*

<sup>25</sup> *What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?*

<sup>26</sup> *If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels."*

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.**

*Luke 9:23 "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."*

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*Luke 9:18 "Who do the crowds say I am?" <sup>19</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life."*

<sup>20</sup> *"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "The Christ of God."*

<sup>21</sup> *Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone.*

<sup>22</sup> *And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."*

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*Luke 14:26-27 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters--yes, even his own life--he cannot be my disciple.*

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## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Commitment.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Self.

*Luke 9:23 "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.*

Saying "no" to self.

He was willing to surrender all, but himself!

(Angel of the Lord wrestled with Jacob. Gen. 32:22-32)

- Take Up Your \_\_\_\_\_.

*Luke 9:23 "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."*

Saying "yes" to God.

*Genesis 33:2-3 He put the maidservants and their children in front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph in the rear. He himself went on ahead and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother.*

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

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## Are You Willing to Pay the Cost?

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- Your \_\_\_\_\_.

*Isaiah 64:6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.*

*Galatians 3:27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.*

- Your \_\_\_\_\_.

*Psalms 81:11-12 "But my people would not listen to me; Israel would not submit to me. <sup>12</sup> So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts to follow their own devices.*

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