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Luke 9:18-25



Step One: **Confession**

Step Two: **Belief**

Step Three: **Discipleship**

DESIRE

1. Desire Must be **Given by God**


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DESIRE

2. Desire Must be **Greatest for God**

- a. Desire for **Security**
- b. Desire for **Success**
- c. Desire for **Comfort**

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d. Desire for Christ

Phil 3:7-11 'But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.'

DESIRE

3. Desire Must be **Growing**

“It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”

(CS Lewis)



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DENIAL

1. We Must Deny **Ourselves**

a. We Must **Leave**

b. We Must **Obey**

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DENIAL

2. We Must Deny the **World**

- a. We Reject Worldly **Profit**
- b. We Reject Worldly **Lies**

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3. We Must Deny **Easy, Fake Faith**

“Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.” (Bonhoeffer)

DEATH

1. Death before **Discipleship**

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DEATH

2. Death by **Crucifixion**

a. Death is **Final**

b. Death is **Daily**

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3. Death is our **Calling**

“The cross is laid on every Christian. The first Christ-suffering which every man must experience is the call to abandon the attachments of this world. It is that dying of the old man which is the result of his encounter with Christ. As we embark upon discipleship we surrender ourselves to Christ in union with his death—we give over our lives to death. Thus it begins; the cross is not the terrible end to an otherwise god-fearing and happy life, but it meets us at the beginning of our communion with Christ. When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.”
(Bonhoeffer)

DEVOTION

1. Devotion is a **Process**

Peter Called:

First Calling:	Jn 1:40-42
Second Calling:	Mat 4:18-22
Third Calling:	Luke 5:18-22
Fourth Calling:	Luke 6:12-16
Fifth Calling:	Jn 21:1-22
Sixth Calling:	Acts 10
Seventh Calling:	Gal 2:11-14

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2. Devotion is **Seeing Jesus**

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3. Devotion is a **Choice**

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