



Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?  
Mark 8:34-37 (NLT)

## **I. THE CHALLENGE OF WHO I WILL BE**

**Am I a consumer or am I a follower?**

### **1. Consumer:**

“What can Jesus do for me?”

“I am king, lord and call the shots”

### **2. Follower:**

“What can I do for Jesus?”

“Jesus is King, Lord and Ruler of my life”

## **II. THE CHALLENGE OF HOW I WILL LIVE—MARK 8:22-38**

*In order to follow Jesus I must live with....*

### **1. A radically different process (v.22-27)**

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

### **2. A radically different perspective (v.28-33)**

### **3. A radically different purpose (v.34)**

### **4. A radically different promise (v.35-38)**

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.

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