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When Truths Collide: Give, Take, and Follow

Mark 8:33 - *Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. "Get away from me, Satan!" he said. "You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's."*

We Tend To Get In The Most Trouble When We See Things Through Our Own Point Of View, And Not God's

Mark 8:34-38 - *Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? ³⁷ Is anything worth more than your soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."*

- 1) **Becoming A Disciple Of Christ Is Going To Be Tough.**
- 2) **Realizing "Self" Will Fight Us The Whole Way.**

Hebrews 4:15 - *...We don't have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He's been through weakness and testing, experienced it all-all but the sin...MESS*

1. **A Willingness To Give Up Our Own Way.**
2. **A Willingness To Take Up Our Cross.**

It's Living Life Fully Surrendered To Jesus

Psalm 139:23-24 - *Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.*

The Holy Spirit Works Through Them, Restoring The "Imago Dei" In Us As We Grow In Christlikeness