

DYING TO LIVE

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WARM UP QUESTION: What do you receive for running a race?

READ: Mark 8:27-9:13 (Mark 8:34-38)

FOCUS: The crown is inseparable from the cross.

OBSERVE:

- Fathers are shapers of their children's destinies, our cities, and society as a whole through their instruction giving, affection, and correction. Doing what you do comes with a cost. Simply put, we must deny ourselves. Whatever plans we have for life must be led by The King and be in agreement with His agenda.
- God loves us, He shows His goodness towards us, and He gave Himself for us.
- We receive crowns for denying ourselves as fathers and parents. If we are to follow Christ, we are required to deny ourselves. The nature of true discipleship is dying to our old ways - we die to live. We must accept the mission of Jesus for our lives and remain faithful to Him. Only God knows what's best for us.
- The cross is central to the gospel. Jesus knew the disciples embraced the crown but not the cross. They were not in agreement with the Father's will for Him - to die on the cross. As King, Jesus was to suffer and die on the cross. We must be for God's agenda and not our own.
- Christ, the anointed one, is the promised Messiah Who is King of the Universe.
- Jesus wants us to teach and preach the whole gospel not simply a half gospel. We are not to only focus on His love but also the fact that He is a Just and Holy God Who wants to purify the earth of all evil.
- We all must answer the questions: Who do you say Jesus is ? What good is it to gain the whole world yet forfeit your soul?
- The way of the cross is humility, it's valuing others above ourselves, and being generous to honor Jesus. It's the way of being a follower or disciple of Jesus Christ. We must deny ourselves and submit everything about our lifestyle and agenda to King Jesus. God's plan for us is better. Deny self and gain God's life.
- This life is the crown, but it comes through the cross. We must not be ashamed of God's way. Our personal values and ways must align with God's to be in His kingdom. We gain the crown when we carry our crosses.

REFLECT:

- Do you rebuke or receive God's agenda for your life?
- Do you align your plans for your life with what God has planned for you?

TAKE ACTION:

- We must submit our plans, purpose, and mission to God and His agenda in spite of our sufferings and obey Jesus. Submit to the King, walk the KP Discipleship Path, attend Growth Track and Life Groups.

PRAY: Holy Father, We ask that You would strengthen us to live lives that agree with Your agenda for us. Help us to bear our crosses and follow You. Thank You for Your peace.