

Taking Worship into your Week
7.5.2020 - Gospel DNA #4 Self-Sacrifice

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 10:23-33

“I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but not everything is constructive. No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.

Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience, for, “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.”

If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience. But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, both for the sake of the one who told you and for the sake of conscience. I am referring to the other person’s conscience, not yours. For why is my freedom being judged by another’s conscience? If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for?

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.

Mark. 8:31-39

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

The Way of the Cross

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. 36 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

Talk about one or more of the following with a friend or family member or discuss with someone who can point you back to Jesus and his love for you.

1. What acts of love helped you to become a follower of Jesus? Recall who made those sacrifices for you, and what they did.
2. Read 2 Cor. 11:24-29. What sacrifices for the sake of the Gospel is the Lord leading you to make these days?
3. Read Rev. 1:4-9. What self-sacrifice do you see in these verses? How does this self-sacrificial love impact your life?
4. If you know any missionaries to our country or abroad, what can you share about the self-sacrifices they make for the sake of the gospel? What can you, as a "local" missionary, sacrifice so that others may see the gospel at work in you?