

"Living for Jesus and the Gospel"

Mark 8:27-38

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The Structure of the Gospel

- The Indicative and the Imperative

The Story

- Who Jesus is (vs. 27-30)
- What Jesus does (31-33)
- How we are to respond (34-38)

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Conversion and Discipleship

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"For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me and the gospel will save it." (v. 35)

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- Salvation by grace through faith
 - "Believing means considerably more than affirming certain statements to be true."
 - "Believing into" = trusting and identifying with (John's Gospel)
 - "Faith without works is dead" = is not real faith (James 2:17,26)
 - "The obedience of faith" (Rom. 1:5; 16:26)

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- "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (Eph. 2:10)
 - "The gospel is opposed to earning but not to effort." (Dallas Willard)
 - We live as disciples in obedience not to get in but because we are already in.
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"Let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me"

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- **The Cost of Discipleship**
- "When Christ bids a man, He bids him come and die."
- Cheap Grace
- "Only a man who believes is obedient and only a man who is obedient believes."
- The life dynamic of the disciple: Die to yourself and live for Jesus

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LIVE FOR JESUS AND THE GOOD NEWS!
