

MARK

CHAPTER 8:34-9:1

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THEME:

The Call to Discipleship

TITLE:

Losers Keepers

INTRODUCTION;

THE DRAW of Jesus among;

- *The People*
- *The Children*

We've seen hard-core sinners drawn to Him, to hang with Him.
to be in awe of His healing powers & His teaching ministry

BUT LAST WEEK we saw the next revelation of His mission;

Mark 8:31

*And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the
elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes,
and be killed, and after three days rise again.*

HOW CAN THESE THINGS BE?

Peter's rebuking " of THE WAY "

Mark 8:33

*But when JESUS had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee
behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.*

(At Peters expense)

He informed us & warned us;

Verse 33b,

for you are not mindful {fron-eh'-o,
To think the same thing, to be in agreement}
of things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

•••That a self-saving gospel is not of God. •••

God's gospel is always long-term (THE ETERNAL)

Man's gospel is always near-sighted (THE NOW)

The Venice Beach Duck's;

The Duck's are sick (Their Daffy)

People are weeping and protesting.....

Paranoia about death (Our culture)

HUMPTY DUMPTY WAS PUSHED

All of us this morning **stand or fall** at this CROSS ROAD
(To continue further on with Jesus)

OR

John 6:67 Will you also go away?

_____A Point of Decision_____

Joel 3:14 KJV

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

Our text before us;

Mark 8:34

I.) Verses: 34-35 *Surrendering* to the cross

II.) Verses: 36-37 *Identified* in the cross

III.) Verses: 34&38 *Obedient* by the cross

William Barkley in his commentary on Mark states;

" The text and its meaning before us is so near to the heart of the Christian faith that we must take it verse by verse, So much so, that If each day a man would start out dominated by one verse, he would be to much for the world and to much for the devil "

I.) Verses: 34-35 *Surrendering* to the cross

Verse: 34

The Death to the " Self-Life "

_____The Call of Discipleship_____

Deny;

GRK:

disown / abstain from self

root word in GRK. Apo, means **to depart, to leave** or

to get away from *a self-focus*.

The affections are turned over to Christ;

Galatians 5:24 KJV

And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh
with it's affections and lusts.

Are you willing to put your pursuits down, dreams, aspirations, etc.

Take up;

GRK: Airo.

to bare the weight, to carry the load, to be under

Followers

GRK: *Mimetes (mim-ay-tace')*; mime

an imitator, one who copies, or

to walk in the shadow of another.

A lot of Christians are like Peter Pan;
they can never get a hold on the shadow.

The Pharisee's failed at this;

Acts 7:51 GNT
Stephens sermon

You stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears,
you do always resist the Holy Spirit: as your fathers did, so do you.

Denying self is not Self-denial

Denying self (is God-ward) Self-denial (man-ward)

We surrender to the cross when we align your heart with the things
that concern God and we take a stand.

Bearing the cross isn't an illness, relationship or going without

Hebrews 6:12 KJV

That ye be not slothful, but *followers* of them who through
faith and patience inherit the promises.

Verse: 35 **It is GOD OWNERSHIP**

The shock this statement made can only be imagined

It meant death to the Convert.

To Live Obediently to the point of death

_____ **Cesar or Christ** _____

" Finders keepers, losers weepers "

works fine on the playground

But

Jesus is saying; "Losers keepers, keepers weepers"

He who dies with the most toy's "DIES"

Years ago, two men in Alaska were discovered in a miner's hut. The search party found the skeletal remains of two men and a very large quantity of gold on a rough table. There was also a letter that told about their successful hunt for gold. They were so eager to get gold that they ignored the early coming of winter.

Elijah

How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow him:
but if Baal, then follow him.

II.) Verses: 36-37 Identified in *the cross*

*This understanding alone will bring you such victory and
encouragement to go on*

Keepers are forever "Padding" their lives with externals

Trying to find meaning **and worth to Life**

Proverbs 11:4 KJV

Riches have no profit in the day of wrath:
but righteousness will deliver you from death.

Proverbs 23:5 KJV

Will you set your eyes upon that which is nothing? for wealth & riches certainly make themselves
wings; they fly away as an bird toward heaven.

Verse: 37

In exchange for his soul (psyu-che)

To lose with ability to regain, To suffer perpetual loss of life.

So, what is the fix? Where is the victory?

#1

Galatians 2:20 KJV

*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I
now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

#2

Galatians 5:24 KJV

And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

#3

Romans 6:6 KJV

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

#4

Romans 7:17 KJV

Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

#5

Philippians 1:21 KJV

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

#6

This is the victory

2 Corinthians 1:9 KJV

But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

Verse: 37

Hebrews 9:27... Judgment is awaiting... Luke 16 Lazurus & Richman

The rejection of Jesus' Invitation results in a;

- **Self-focused** life (How depressing)
- **Self-seeking** life (How boring)
- **Self-promoting** life (How sad....position & people to control)

III.) Verses: 38-9:1 Obedient by *the cross*

When I grow up, I want to be like Jesus

- Have you ever prayed....
" Lord make me more like Jesus "
- Do I realize what I am asking for?
(NOT JUST HEAVEN)

Philippians 2:8 KJV

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Verse: 38

Jesus' Example to us

Hebrews 5:7-9 KJV

Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; ⁸ Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; ⁹ And being made complete, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Garibaldi; the great Italian Leader,

" I offer neither pay nor glory.

What I do offer is hunger, sweat, and tears.

Forced marches, battles and death to all who love their country
more in heart, then in words alone "

Ashamed

Luke 6:22-23 KJV

Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. ²³ Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

1 Timothy 4:10 KJV

For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

Matthew 5:10-13 KJV

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. ¹² Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. ¹³ Ye are the salt of the earth:

Galatians 6:14 KJV

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

1 Corinthians 6:20 KJV

For ye are bought with a *price (His blood)*: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 7:23 KJV

Ye are bought with a price; *be not ye the servants of men.*

1 Corinthians 2:2 KJV

For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

We hear a lot these days about self-esteem and our need for that, yet we hear so very little about "God-esteem"

The cross Jesus bore, He couldn't carry himself
and you and I cannot carry our cross physically
Why the cross is designed to bring us to the end of ourselves.

Psalms 26:2 KJV

Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

2 Corinthians 13:5 KJV

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Don't you not know, how that Jesus Christ is in you,

Verse: 9:1

A PEEP INTO HEAVEN a sneak preview

!!! The Hope of Heaven !!!

2 Thessalonians 1:7 KJV

And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

A.) *Whoever desires to come after me....*

Lord makes it a true commitment

B.) *Let him deny himself....*

Thinking I need that thing, to be something

C.) *Take up his cross and follow me....*

Help me to see myself crucified with you.

D.) *Whoever desires to save his life....*

Stop trying to protect myself against failure

E.) *Whoever is ashamed of ME and my WORDS....*

Stop looking for the approval of men