

**Friday March 26**

**Read**

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❖ Mark 8:34-35

**Study**

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1. What demand is made of Christ's disciples?

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2. What do Jesus' words look like practically?

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3. How does this call impact you?

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4. How does this call impact us as a church?

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**Reflect**

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❖ For some time I believed that Jesus was speaking about my actual life. His call, I thought, was to be willing to die for

him. But then it struck me, that probably won't be required of me. No, what Jesus is calling us to here ... is to die to everything in life that makes for life for us. And each one of us needs to think what that is for ourselves. It may be your children, your work, your home, it could even be the church. Whatever makes for life for you ... outside of Christ ... you need to lose it and allow Christ to crucify it.

## Pray

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- ❖ Is there something in your life that you need to allow Christ to crucify? Is there something or some attitude that you are allowing to take the place of Christ in your life? Offer it to God.

*For our church:*

- ❖ Jesus promises us that we "*shall see greater things than these.*" (John 1:50) Pray this promise for those who help look after the children's ministry in our church. Pray that they will see even greater things as the children recognize Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.
- ❖ Pray for our local food bank ministry. Pray that we will truly seek to help the poor and the needy by giving not only food but ourselves.