Take Up Your Cross

Mark 8:34

What is Christianity? What is the cost of discipleship? It means that you "deny yourself take up your cross and follow" Jesus. Dietrich Bonhoeffer stated one aspect of it when he said, "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die." But what does that mean? In short, it means that the worst part of you – the autonomous, part – is denied. It dies. It is not your best life that dies, it is your worst. This is the blessing of denying yourself and following Jesus Christ.

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- 1. Deny yourself

2. Take up your cross

3. Follow Jesus