



# MARK: THE GOSPEL IN ACTION

## “The Cost of Following Jesus”

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**35** For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.

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**36** For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?

**37** For what can a man give in return for his soul?

**38** For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”


## 2 Timothy 3:12 (ESV)

**12** Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted...

## Philippians 3:10–11 (ESV)

**10** that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death,

**11** that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.



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## Romans 8:17 (ESV)

17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.



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## Psalm 49:7–9 (ESV)

**7** Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life,

**8** for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice,

**9** that he should live on forever and never see the pit.

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## Philippians 3:7–11 (ESV)

**7** But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

**8** Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

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**9** and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

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