



## TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

Mark 8:31-38 // Dr. Ron Jones

*“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”* MATTHEW 4:19 ESV

*And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed.* MARK 8:31

## THE CRUCIFIED LIFE

*And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”* MARK 8:34

*“No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again.”* JOHN 10:18

1. \_\_\_\_\_ denial

*You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.* 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20

2. \_\_\_\_\_ to the will of God.

*“Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will but as you will.”* MATTHEW 26:39

3. \_\_\_\_\_ for the benefit of others.

*By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.* 1 JOHN 3:16

4. \_\_\_\_\_ for a greater glory.

*For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed in us.* ROMANS 8:18

*Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.* HEBREWS 12:2

## **WHY LIVE THE CRUCIFIED LIFE?**

1. It's the only way to \_\_\_\_\_ your life.

*"For whoever will save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it."* MARK 8:35

2. It's the best way to \_\_\_\_\_ your life.

*"For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul?"* MARK 8:36-37

3. It's the surest way to \_\_\_\_\_.

*"For whosoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."* MARK 8:38