

TALK IT OVER

HOW WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?

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Class # 20

President Theodore Roosevelt once said, *"Never throughout history has a person who lived a life of ease left a name worth remembering."* What makes a person fight until death for something? The answer is: **A cause.** A cause is a principle, aim, or movement that, because of a deep commitment, one is prepared to defend or advocate to the point of death.

There are many righteous causes, but one stands out above all others. It's the cause for which Mark died, dragged through the streets of Alexandria, and James was thrown from the pinnacle of the temple and then killed with wooden clubs. It's the cause why Bartholomew, Philip, Andrew, and Peter all died crucified (*Andrew transversely, and Peter upside down, because they didn't feel worthy to die like their Savior, Jesus*).

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Do you have a cause greater than yourself for which you live and breathe?
2. What motivated Moses to opt to be mistreated with his hebrew brothers, than to enjoy the temporary pleasures of the egyptians? (**Hebrews 11:24-26**)
3. **Matthew 16:24.** Giving up our own way is thinking, doing, and moving in agreement with Jesus. *Have you surrendered your life completely to Jesus, or are you in control?*

"Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me."

- Matthew 16:24 (NLT)

SIMPLICITY

There was a king in the Bible who gave himself all the tastes and pleasures life has to offer (*without holding back!*) At the end of his life, he wrote about how he felt (**Ecclesiastes 2:4-11**). Solomon's story opens our eyes to the toil of spending our whole lives building something that in the end, will not produce any satisfaction. How will you be remembered by your grandchildren? Great-grandchildren?

Matthew 19:27-29 lets us know that following Jesus has a cost. At the same time, it also assures us that if we have a deep commitment and give up our lives for the cause of CHRIST, we will be rewarded on earth, and in eternity. What area do you still need to surrender to JESUS? Now would be a great time to give yourself completely to His cause!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT STEPS COURSE
MEN'S CONFERENCE: INFLUENTIAL

June 6 (9am via Zoom or Live)
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