



PART 2: The Outcome King

INTRODUCTION

We all hate to lose. But winning something significant *a/ways* involves losing something less significant. What will you choose to lose? You owe it to yourself to understand what you're going to lose based on your choices, because if you choose to lose, it opens the door to remarkable things in following Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about a time when you defined the win for God and told him exactly how he needed to come through for you.
2. Did God come through for you in the way you thought he would? Explain.
3. There are few things like fear and uncertain outcomes to keep us from trusting God. In what areas of your life are fear and uncertainty keeping you from trusting God?
4. More than success or failure, God promises that he will always be with us. How is that promise comforting? How is it challenging?
5. What if all you knew was that God was with you? How would that change the way you make decisions?
6. What is the one area of life that you know taking a step of faith in would be terrifying and only Jesus could control the outcome? What can you do to take a step of faith in that area? How can this group support you?

MOVING FORWARD

Following Jesus sounds great in theory, but obedience is scary. We only discover how we're going to do what Jesus calls us to do *after* stepping out in obedience. That seems backwards. But when we focus on Jesus—the one calling us to obey—it gets easier because we learn to take comfort in him.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

Matthew 14:27