



# THE WAY OF JESUS

A counterintuitive guide to life

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### Week Two – The Way of the Cross

Daily surrender and sacrificial living are what is required to follow Jesus. There is a cost, but the payoff is greater than anything we could make possible ourselves.

### Discussion Questions

1. When you've had to make a decision in the past, have you made a pro/con list or cost/benefit analysis to guide you?
2. Our culture says, "If you want to be happy, follow your heart." It encourages us to say yes to ourselves often. What does this way of living cost us?
3. "We don't outgrow our natural desire to indulge ourselves." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
4. Reed said that denying ourselves doesn't only mean denying the bad parts; it means surrendering even our good desires, hopes, and dreams to God and giving him total control. When has it been a challenge for you to surrender these parts of your life?
5. What do you most often find yourself holding onto? What do you worry about most? Is this an opportunity to give God control?

### Put It into Practice

Living for yourself, saying yes to your desires will ultimately cause you to lose your life. But if you give your desires to God, you will find a full, free life.