

No Sacrifice, No Victory

We Made A Bold D_____

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. - Galatians 2:20

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. - Galatians 5:24

As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world's interest in me has also died. - Galatians 6:14

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. - 2 Corinthians 5:14,15

We Must Make Huge S_____

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world and yet lose or forfeit his very self? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the father and of the holy angels..."

- Lk 9:23-26

"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters - yes even his own life - he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple... any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple..." - Lk 14:25-27,33

"I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields— and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first." - Mark 10:29-31

No V_____, No Sacrifice...

1. We Can Play A Part In God's S_____

What is God's story?

2. We Can Live A Life That Brings G_____To God...

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. ² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. ³ There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. ⁴ Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. – Psalm 19:1-4

All who claim me as their God will come, for I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them. – Isaiah 43:7 (NLT)

Whenever anyone turns to the Lord, then the veil is taken away... so that we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more.

- 2 Corinthians 3:16,18 (ESV)

3. We Can Be A Part Of Something A_____

We Will Win A Great V_____

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. – Galatians 6:9

1. The Salvation/The Redirected E_____ of countless people
2. Living a no R_____ life
3. Being A Part Of The Church As God I_____
4. Laying our C_____ at the feet of the King of kings and Lord of lords

Talking Points

1. When a person surrenders to Christ they are making a very bold declaration. Read the following passages (Galatians 2:20; 5:24; 6:14; 2 Corinthians 5:14,15) and write down some of the things that are bold about these declarations.
2. The title for Sunday's message was 'No Sacrifice – No Victory,' read the following words of Jesus in (Luke 9:23-26; 14:25-27,33; Mark 10:29-31) and write down the sacrifices that Jesus says that we *must* make in order to be His followers.
3. The sacrifices that Jesus calls us to make are HUGE and the truth is that without a vision compelling enough to motivate and empower us - we will never make those sacrifices. What are the 3 elements or facets of this vision that should motivate to make those sacrifices? What do you find motivating about these 3 elements?