

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

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Choosing the Cross

Desiring God's Will / part three of a trilogy

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True life comes from death to my efforts to live apart from surrender to God.

Choosing God brings _____, that life comes through _____.

The Way of the Cross isn't marked by our _____ as much as our willing choice of God's way over our way.

Our crosses become the places where we're _____ for transformation.

The cross is a place of _____; taking up our cross—rather than avoiding, minimizing, or reacting to it—puts us in a place of

_____.

The route to Christian spiritual transformation means embracing the things that we instinctively want to _____.

GROWth Journaling Scriptures

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Matthew 16:24-25 / Matthew 17:14-20 / Luke 19:41 / John 2:24-25

Luke 9:23 / 2 Corinthians 12:8-10 / Ephesians 4:6

Conversations in Community

Use these questions in your Community Groups, GROWith Groups, with your family or your friends to give you practical ways to walk out Pastor Marty's message.)

Based on your experience do you think the Church has minimized the costs of following Jesus? ("watering down" the cross as the center of the journey?)

What inner crosses have been heaviest for you to carry on your journey?

Where are the areas God is asking you to deny yourself? *Is it also an area our culture is encouraging your indulgence?*

How do you manage the tension of choosing something you would naturally **not** choose, and knowing that decision could bring about the personal transformation you most desperately desire?

What have you learned about embracing your crosses as a means of meeting God in a transformational way?