

# Harbour Shores Church

“Touching Lives with the Truth”



**Title:** “Totally Surrendered Followers: The Immeasurable Gain of Loss and Shame”

**Text:** Luke 9:23-27

## I. Christ Has Basic Instructions for Would Be Disciples. (v.22- 23a)

- A. Deny yourself.
- B. Crucify your desires.
- C. Follow your Savior.

Have you ever asked, “Why should I follow Jesus?” or  
“Is Jesus worth such denial, death and devotion?”

## II. Two Strong Warnings for Would Be \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 24-27)

- A. If your \_\_\_\_\_ matters at all, \_\_\_\_\_ it for Christ. (v. 24-25)

“would save” =

The individual who cannot bring himself to surrender this \_\_\_\_\_  
for the sake of the next will eventually lose \_\_\_\_\_.

1. **Warning:** The most certain path to total \_\_\_\_\_ is to pursue  
\_\_\_\_\_.

a) *The overwhelming tide of this world combined with our internal desires  
powerfully draw us towards the deadly delicacies and delights of destruction.*

b) *It is the fear of losing the visible and fleeting that often overcomes the faith in  
the invisible and eternal!*

**Scripture:** 1 John 2:15-17; James 1:13-15; Philippians 3:7-8

2. **Promise:** The best life \_\_\_\_\_ is the result of a life  
\_\_\_\_\_ following Jesus.

It’s not JUST about dying and denying for the sake of losing,  
it’s about losing what is lesser for what is \_\_\_\_\_ !

**Scripture:** 1 John 5:11-12, 20; Revelation 21:6; Colossians 3:3-4 ESV

**“Let your hope of heaven master your fear of death.”**

*(William Gurnall)*

**B. If your \_\_\_\_\_ matters at all, \_\_\_\_\_ it for Christ. (v. 26-27)**

**1. Warning: Earthly shame in Christ has \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 26)**

What is shame?

**How much grander to suffer shame and reproach for a few short years,  
only to gain an eternity of an “incomparable weight of glory!”**

*Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:17-18; Philippians 3:20-21*

**2. Promise: The totally surrendered disciple will certainly share in the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 27)**

*Scripture: 1 Peter 5:10; Luke 12:29-34*

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Life's trials will seem so small when we see Christ;  
One glimpse of His dear face all sorrow will erase,  
So bravely run the race till we see Christ.”***

*Chorus from “When We See Christ: by Esther Kerr Rusthoi*