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MARK 8.27-38, NIV

- ²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”
- ²⁸ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

- ⦿²⁹ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”
- ⦿ Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”
- ⦿³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

- ³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

- ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

- ³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

- ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.”

DISCIPLESHIP . . . WHAT IS IT?

- ◎ This process requires believers to respond to the Holy Spirit's prompting to examine their thoughts, words and actions and compare them with the Word of God. This requires that we be in the Word daily – studying it, praying over it, and obeying it.
 - <https://www.gotquestions.org/Christian-discipleship.html>

DISCIPLESHIP IN CONTEXT:

- ⦿ he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”
- ⦿ Discipleship starts with “the *concerns of God*”
- ⦿ It is in competition with “*human concerns*”

DISCIPLESHIP EXPLAINED:

- ⦿ “Whoever wants to be my disciple *must deny themselves* and take up their cross and follow me.
- ⦿ ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life *for me* and for the gospel will save it.

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP:

- ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?
- ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

IS IT WORTH IT?

- ⦿ “I have decided to follow Jesus .
- ⦿ No *turning back, no turning back*
- ⦿ We may lose this *world*, but we gain an entire *eternity*
- ⦿ ***THANK YOU JESUS!***

THINK ON JESUS

◎ Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your *thoughts on Jesus*, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ² He was *faithful* to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house.

■ Hebrews 3.1-2, NIV

SUGGESTION . .

- ◉ Read anything by or about *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*