

# GOD'S WORD *for* you.

Sunday, July 21, 2024

Wawasee Bible  
Milford, Indiana  
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## PART 4

# Lose your life to find your life.

MATTHEW 16:24-25

It's always about a **PERSON** (Matthew 16:21-24a)

### knowing about God vs. knowing God

Those who know God have great \_\_\_\_\_ for God

Those who know God have great \_\_\_\_\_ of God

Those who know God have great \_\_\_\_\_ for God

Those who know God have great \_\_\_\_\_ in God

### things of man or the things of God

so say **NO** to yourself and **YES** to Jesus (Matthew 16:24)

### deny yourself

### take up your cross

Your cross is your \_\_\_\_\_

Focus on your cross, not someone else's \_\_\_\_\_

Your cross is a \_\_\_\_\_ death

### follow me Mathew 9:9; Luke 18:22; John 1:43; John 21:19-22

and **LOSE** your life to **FIND** your life. (Matthew 16:25-27)

Following Jesus is a continual losing and gaining/finding.



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Text this number anytime for prayer. Just say, "**Pray for...**" followed by your request.

Or if you just need someone to talk to, start texting us with whatever's going on and someone will be in touch via text.



Grow.

# Food for Thought

Questions & Scripture for Further Study & Reflection

**What is this?** – Normally this section includes questions and a study for our Life Groups. If you're not in one, you should sign up in the Commons, let us know on a Connect Card, or contact the church office! Most groups break for the summer, but others will continue and use this for their study time together. Instead of our normal study guide, this is a smaller study and some questions for you to reflect/journal on throughout the week. Look for sign-ups for new groups in August!

## Food for Thought...

**Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching,** *was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

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*This week, take time to read through Matthew 16:21-28.*

*Use the questions below for some journaling prompts.*

**Day 1 – Understanding Jesus's Mission:** In Matthew 16:21, Jesus predicts his death, suffering, and resurrection. What did he say would happen to him? How would he suffer? Who did he say would oppose him? How does understanding Jesus's prediction of these things influence your faith and daily walk with him? His response to Peter in v. 22-23 makes it clear Jesus was focused on living out his mission.—How would you live differently if you knew exactly how and when you were going to die?

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**Day 2 – God's Perspective v. Human Perspective:** Jesus gives us some insight on the difference between God's perspective and our own when it comes to what constitutes a meaningful life. Setting our minds on the things of man v. the things of God can be disastrous. In what ways am I clinging to a human perspective rather than seeking God's perspective in my decisions and actions? How is it affecting me?

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*(Food for Thought continues on back panel...)*

# Welcome to Wawasee!

## OUR OUTCOMES

This is who we hope you grow to *become* at Wawasee Bible...

*If I'm truly growing as a follower of Jesus, I should be growing in the ways that I am...*



1 | Receiving From God.

Am I reading the Word regularly? When am I gathering to hear the Word taught? What fruit of the Spirit do I see growing in my life?



2 | Responding To God.

How am I talking to and listening to God regularly? What are some healthy spiritual habits I'm working on (things like giving, scripture memory, repentance, rest, etc.)?



3 | Receiving From Others.

Where and how am I in community/friendship with other Christians in our church who have a window to speak into my life?



4 | Moving Toward Others.

How and where am I contributing to and initiating community with other Christians in our church? (Or am I only consuming?)



5 | Going to those Far from God.

How am I regularly going toward those who are far from God—loving them, sharing God's Story and my own story? When was the last time I shared God's story and/or my faith story? Who is on my PEARL list?

## Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find: Isaiah 43:1-4 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>1</sup> But now **thus says** the **LORD**, he who **created** you, O **Jacob**, he who **formed** you, O **Israel**: "**Fear** not, for I have **redeemed** you; I have **called** you by **name**, you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you **pass** through the **waters**, I will be with you; and through the **rivers**, they shall not **overwhelm** you; when you **walk** through **fire** you shall not be **burned**, and the **flame** shall not **consume** you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the **LORD** your God, the **Holy** One of **Israel**, your **Savior**. I **give Egypt** as your **ransom**, **Cush** and **Seba** in **exchange** for you. <sup>4</sup> **Because** you are **precious** in my **eyes**, and **honored**, and I **love** you, I **give** men in return for you, peoples in **exchange** for your life.

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## Food for Thought *(continued)*

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**Day 3 – The Cost of Following Jesus:** Jesus often speaks of and challenges us to deny ourselves for his sake. See **Mark 8:34-35; Luke 9:23-24; John 12:25-26; Matthew 10:38-39; Luke 14:27**. What does it mean to "take up your cross" and follow Jesus? In what situations do you find it difficult to follow him? What would change in your life if you denied yourself for Christ's sake?

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**Day 4 – Consider Jesus's Own Life:** Sometimes we can focus so much on Jesus's death, burial, and resurrection that we forget to also model our lives after how he lived his own. Discipleship (following Jesus) is more than behavior control, it's a new kind of life. If we ignore Jesus's life we only engage in behavior control, not a life of abundance like Jesus promised and modeled. **Read Philippians 2:5-11**. What do you see about his life and mindset there that could help you center your thoughts and affections on the things of God?

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