



HERE



THERE &



EVERYWHERE

SUNDAY, NOV. 21



The
Invitation

Come and see

Follow me

Deny yourself

Fish with me

Receive the Spirit

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The presence of Jesus is better...

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Lives becoming like Jesus...

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Deny yourself:

don't take care of yourself

NOT

don't enjoy yourself

For our light and momentary
afflictions are achieving for us an
eternal glory that far outweighs
them all.

2 Cor. 4:17

Life is difficult because we are either being brought out of our comfort zone or choosing to stay in it.

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross **daily** and follow me."

Luke 9:23

“When we read the words of Jesus, ‘deny yourself’ we have a tendency to hear, ‘take your little bit of happiness and trample on it.’”

-Scott Hubbard

Deny yourself

Our path to Joy

*“Let us fix our eyes on **Jesus**, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the **joy** set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*

Heb. 12: 2

“All persons seek happiness. This is without exception. Whatever different means they employ, they all tend to this end. This desire causes some to go to war and others to avoid it; it is the same desire in both, pursued differently. We never take a step but to this end, happiness is the motive behind all actions.”

-Pascal

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Be cautious of going with the popular opinion about Jesus.

“For Christ also suffered once for sins,
the righteous for the unrighteous, to
bring you to God.”

1 Peter 3:15

the last shall be first

leaders are servants

better to give than receive

Jesus could have demanded we deny ourselves based on his own authority, but he doesn't. He appeals to our desire for lasting joy.

"The New Testament has a lot to say about self-denial, but not self denial as an end in itself. We are told to deny our self and take up our cross and follow Jesus; and nearly every description of what we shall ultimately find if we do contains an appeal to our desire for joy."

-C.S. Lewis



*Anything in us that threatens
the advancing of the Kingdom of
God in us must be put to death.*

*We bear our cross of loyalty and
love for Jesus and believe it is the
path to truly living.*



"I believe God made me for a purpose, but He also made me fast. And when I run I feel His pleasure." ~ Eric Liddell, Chariots of Fire

“Self-denial destroys the very
root and the foundation of
sorrow.”

-Jonathan Edwards

He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

-Gen. 3:1

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, **peace and joy** in the Holy Spirit,”

Romans 14: 17

HOW?

Be faithful to your pocket of influence, but keep your eyes and heart on eternity.

Do not be easily pleased – live
for true and lasting joy.

*By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as **of greater value** than the treasures of Egypt, because he was **looking ahead** to his reward.*

Heb. 11: 24-26

Look beyond the pain to the
greater reward.

Daily draw your sword.

“Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

-Eph. 6:17

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