Bay Life Church Message Notes

Sunday, Apr. 6, 2014 Lead Pastor Mark Saunders

Losers, Keepers

Luke 9:18-26

¹⁸ Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" ¹⁹ And they answered, "John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen." ²⁰ Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God." ²¹ And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, ²² saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

Luke 9:18-22

Three Stages Of Surrender

1) Say, "No."

²³ And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, **let him deny himself** and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23

2) Say, "Yes."

²³ And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and **take up** his cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23

3) Then go.

²³ And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and **follow me**.

Luke 9:23

Why is surrender to God so important?

Without surrender, life is truly lost.

²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? ²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

Luke 9:24-26