

52 Weeks  
of Power

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## LUKE 9:23-26

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“Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.”

When we are called to follow Jesus, He never promises it to be an easy journey. He calls us to risk everything and to “leave it all on the field.” In the passage we read, Jesus is clear: we must deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow Him. It’s an invitation to let go of our ambition, pride, and fear, by choosing to give Jesus every aspect of our lives instead. Are you ready to risk it all?

An example of someone who risked it all is John Foley. If you haven’t heard of him, maybe you’ve heard of the company he founded in 2012 — Peloton. Foley had a comfortable life, his dream job as an executive at Barnes & Noble, however, he felt like he was supposed to step into more. Foley saw a gap in the fitness market; people want to workout out from their homes, but have limited options. Believing in what he was called to, Foley left everything he knew and went all-in on building what we now know as Peloton. While a business success story cannot even begin to compare to an eternity with Christ, it does illustrate how extraordinary results often require extraordinary risk.

We are called to step off the sidelines!  
We are called to fully commit to walking with Jesus! This walk does mean sacrifice, but the blessing on the other side of our sacrifice is definitely worth it. If a business leader can leave a life of comfort to chase his dreams, how much more should we be willing to give up our safety nets to gain the treasures of God's eternal kingdom?

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*READ:*

Luke 14:25-34

*REFLECT:*

**Question 1:** Are there areas in your life where you are "playing it safe"? Where might God be nudging you to trust Him more?

**Question 2:** In a practical way, what does it mean to take up your cross and follow Jesus? Are there parts of your daily routine or mindset that He might be calling you to surrender?

**Question 3:** How can you ensure that your purpose is rooted in God's eternal kingdom and not just in personal success or career goals?

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*PRAYER:*

Heavenly Father, Thank You for calling me to a vision that's bigger than me. Teach me what it means to take up my cross daily and follow You. Help me surrender the parts of my life that I hold back and give me the courage to go all in on building Your kingdom.