

Surrendered: Transfigured

Day 1

Daily

Jesus has his glory revealed on the mountain of transfiguration, but that glory is not complete without the cross that awaits him. In a similar way, the cross awaits us as believers. Check out this devotional to get started contemplating the life of the cross this week:

<https://www.wisdomhunters.com/take-up-your-cross-daily/>

Verses: Galatians 2:20, John 3:30, Romans 12:2

Prayer Topics: Repetition, Routine, Sacrifice

Day 2

Willing

Check out this great devotional from Spurgeon:

<https://www.truthforlife.org/devotionals/spurgeon/2/23/2026/>

Do we embrace our cross willingly? Do we complain under the weight? Do we try to exchange it for a cross we find more suitable? What is faith, if not a trust that the cross we carry is for our glory and a sign of the Father's love? What can we do today that will help us take up OUR cross?

Verses: Romans 8:7, Luke 22:42, Ephesians 6:10-20

Prayer Topics: Submission, Gratitude, Dedication

Day 3

Getting Practical

What does it mean to embrace the cross, to take up your cross and follow Christ into a life that glorifies God and is glorified by Him? Check out this devotional to find out:

<https://www.backtothebible.org/post/daily-denials-the-practical-art-of-taking-up-your-cross>

What are some of the most challenging ways you can embrace the life of the cross in your own day-to-day existence? What are the benefits of doing that? Why does God want you to practice self-denial? What is the reward?

Verses: James 4:1-4, Philippians 2:3, Luke 14:33

Prayer Topics: Hierarchy, Obedience, Peace

Day 4

Getting Practical Part 2

Check out this devotional blog post for more thoughts and practically taking up your cross:

<https://www.leadertreks.org/easter-take-up-your-cross/?srsltid=AU7gw4XmNtSI4hlckWDAmwX06kDdbTj7-spq5Ezi2ALKPivh55BPK2Lg>

What does it mean to accept your circumstances? What part of your circumstances are the hardest to accept? What would change in your life if you embraced your circumstances as a gift?

Verses: 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Ephesians 5:20, Philippians 4:10-13

Prayer Topics: Contentment, Willingness, Attitude

Day 5

Thanks to Sylvester Warsaw, Jr for our devotional today

What is about man that falsely allows him to think he can contain thereby control God the Author of Life by erecting monuments made with human hands when He has put eternity in the heart of man according to Ecclesiastes 3:11? Stephen before the Sanhedrin Council in Acts 7:48-50 spoke these words under the influence of the Holy Spirit, 'However, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says: Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. What house will you build for Me? says the LORD, or what is the place of My rest? Has not my hand made all these things?' Man in his arrogance wants to contain and control not only the physical environment but also the spiritual world which that one chapter of Jude warns against. Jesus taught daily in the temple, yet, the very ones responsible for teaching the ways of God plotted to kill Him while claiming to understand Moses teachings. Physical locations are important for man as well. Jews, Christians and Muslims claim Jerusalem because of being monotheistic. One of the key sayings in Judaism is 'I'll see you next year in Jerusalem. In Islam it's Mecca. In Christianity the heart of many is to walk where Jesus walked and to be baptized in the Jordan River. In Exodus 33:1-7 Moses moves his

tent outside the camp because of God's anger with the people. God even decided to send His Angel to lead them instead of Himself. Moses called his tent that he moved far from camp the tabernacle of meeting that's where Moses communed with God experiencing His glory. To tabernacle with God isn't about a physical location but the condition of the heart. Hearts that have been circumcised by the Holy Spirit. As disciples of Christ Jesus we don't look to Jerusalem we look up to Him who is beyond the physical to the Author of Life the Maker of heaven and earth. We experience God's glory tabernacling with Him and Him alone in the beauty of holiness in spirit and in truth.