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LUKE 9:18-27

**FOR THE FOLLOWER OF JESUS —
THERE IS NO 'I BELIEVE'
WITHOUT A CORRESPONDING 'I DO.'**

Luke 9:18–19

¹⁸ One day Jesus left the crowds to pray alone. Only his disciples were with him, and he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

¹⁹ “Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other ancient prophets risen from the dead.”

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Luke 9:20

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Reflection Questions:

- Am I drawn to a Cyrus-type Messiah?
- Does my life reveal that I value earthly power or earthly means?
- Am I drawn to leaders who look untouchable rather than the ones who allow themselves to be vulnerable?
- Is the earthly throne and authority more enticing than choosing the path of the servant?



**What does
'You are Messiah sent from God'
really mean?**



Luke 9:21

“Jesus warned his disciples not to tell anyone who he was.”

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Luke 9:21-22

²¹ Jesus warned his disciples not to tell anyone who he was. ²² “The Son of Man must suffer many terrible things,” he said. “He will be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead.”

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**For the follower of Jesus,
there is no 'I believe'
without a corresponding 'I do.'**



Luke 9:23

²³ Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.”



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**There is a difference between being
a believer of Jesus
and a follower of Jesus.**



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Luke 9:24-25

²⁴ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. ²⁵ And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?

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Luke 9:26-27

²⁶ If anyone is ashamed of me and my message, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in his glory and in the glory of the Father and the holy angels.

²⁷ I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Kingdom of God.”

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Reflection Questions:

- What kind of Messiah I think I'm following?
- Am I simply WOWed by Jesus – loving his miracles and teaching – but not actually wanting to go to the uncomfortable places?
- Does my life look like that of the amazed yet fickle crowds or does it look like where the disciples are headed – to a commitment so deep it change the entire trajectory of their lives?



Reflection Questions:

- Am I trying to simply be a believer without being a follower of Jesus?
- Am I willing to deny myself, pick up my cross, and follow him?



**“We are not often called to great sacrifice,
but daily we are presented with the chance
to make small ones.”**

– Elisabeth Elliot



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