



*#DEATHTOSELFIE*

## DYING TO YOURSELF.

In 2013, the word "selfie" was announced as being the "Word of the Year" by the Oxford English Dictionary. It's official. Our culture places so much value on our self-esteem and how we see ourselves. It's an American thing. It's a human thing. We're wired to "look out for #1 because no one else will do it for you."

But Jesus steps into our world and says the highest good to look out for is the Kingdom of God. You can build yourself up all you want, but our opinion of ourselves, our desires, our "brand" - those things aren't what get us to heaven. Scripture tells us that he who humbles himself will be exalted and he who exalts himself will be humbled. This means that every single one of us will be exalted and humbled. It's up to us which order it will happen in.

## IN THE BIBLE.

### **Luke 14:7-11**

7 When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: 8 "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. 9 If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your

seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place.<sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. <sup>11</sup> For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

### **Mark 8:34-38**

34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

## **QUESTIONS.**

- 1.) What does it mean to deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus?
- 2.) How would you describe humility?
- 3.) How can we live out what we learned this week in normal, every day life?

**Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:**

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?