

**SERMON NOTES**  
**August 22, 2010**  
**Liberty Baptist Church**  
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TEXT: **Luke 9:23-26**

SUBJECT: Self-Abandonment

TITLE: ***“Dying To Live”***

NOTES:

- Jesus made it clear from the start that if you follow Him, you must abandon everything!
- Could we be guilty of taking the Jesus of the Bible and twisting him into a version of Jesus we are more comfortable with?
- “When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.” *The Cost Of Discipleship*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

**1. THE DISCIPLESHIP PRINCIPLE—9:23**

- A. An Invitation To Follow—v. 23a
- B. Three Conditions For Following—v. 23b
  - 1. Self-Abandonment
  - 2. Total Commitment
  - 3. Single Focus

**2. THE DISCIPLESHIP PARADOX—9:24-26**

- A. You Must Lose Your Life To Save It!—v. 24
- B. What If You Gain The Whole World? —v. 25

**CONCLUSION:**

Are you willing to die to self in order to live for Christ?