WEEK 29 FREE COMPANION GUIDE

The Next Faithful Step

A Mark 8 reflection guide for entrusting your life to Jesus and practicing costly faithfulness.



For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?
Mark 8:36 ESV

Read Mark 8:31–38 before beginning.

A moment to listen

Some decisions become clearer when we name what we are asking them to protect. Beneath the argument may be a need to appear right. Beneath the extra promise may be a fear of disappointing someone. Jesus meets us in that honest place. His call reaches deeper than managing our feelings. He invites us to belong to Him and follow Him.

His death and resurrection are the ground of our hope. We do not earn His welcome by surrendering perfectly. In prayer, bring Him one place where obedience feels costly. Ask for the Spirit's help to distinguish faithful responsibility from the demand to control its outcome.

Five guided reflections

1. Read Mark 8:31–38. What does Jesus announce about His own path before calling others to follow?
2. Name one thing you fear losing. How has it begun to shape your decisions?
3. What clear teaching of Jesus speaks into this situation? Seek wise counsel where the next step is uncertain.
4. What responsibility should you keep, and what result must you entrust to God?
5. What faithful action can you take today, even if it brings no immediate relief?

A practice for today

Name / Discern / Entrust / Act.

Take five minutes. Write the fear in one sentence. Read Mark 8:31–38. Identify one faithful action and one outcome you cannot control. Ask Jesus for help. Take the action today, then return to prayer without treating relief as proof that you obeyed.

Prayer

Jesus, You gave Your life to rescue me. Forgive the ways I ask approval and control to keep me safe. By Your Spirit, help me follow You with honesty and courage. Keep me faithful in my responsibilities as I entrust their outcome to You. Amen.

Your next faithful step can be small without being easy.

Connection Companion to *The Freedom on the Other Side of Surrender*, this week's *When the Word Lingers* reflection.

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