

Uncomfortable The Uncomfortable Cross

Text: Mark 8:34-38

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

The Christian faith is a faith that calls us to the foot of the cross. That's a hard thing to do. Making sacrifices for our faith in Christ challenges us at every turn. Jesus calls us to embrace Him and His perfect example of sacrifice. Because of the crucifixion and what Jesus did on the cross we should expect to be uncomfortable. We should look to Him as our example of self-denial. It is when we pick up our crosses and work for Christ that we find true comfort.

At the center of the Christian faith is the _____—An _____ device

Following Jesus means _____ ourselves and taking up our own _____

Jesus provides the _____

Scripture reference:

Mark 8:31-38

1 Peter 4:13

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Jesus, you call me to the cross. You are asking me to pick up the cross and follow You. I will take up my cross and follow. Please walk with me and lead me. Amen.