

# CALLED OUT

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**We are Called Out: To take Up Our Cross, Following Him, and Sharing the Good News**


As followers of Christ, we are called to live a life of commitment, sacrifice, and purpose. Jesus has set before us a clear path, and though it may not always be easy, it is filled with meaning and hope. Here are three key instructions from our Savior that help guide our journey as Christians.

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# TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

**1. THE COMMITMENT**



## Take Up Your Cross

Jesus calls us to take up our cross daily. This means dying to our own desires, comfort, and selfish ways in order to live a life that reflects His love and sacrifice. It's not a literal cross but a figurative one—representing the hardships, sacrifices, and acts of self-denial we endure for the sake of following Him.

- Luke 9:23 – **"Then he said to them all: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'"**

Carrying our cross signifies that we are willing to live for Christ in every circumstance, even when it's difficult, trusting that His plan is better than our own.



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JOHN 12:26 -

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**FOLLOWING HIM**

2. THE SACRIFICE

## Following Him

To follow Jesus means to walk in His ways, live according to His teachings, and align our lives with His example of love, grace, and obedience to the Father. It's not just about accepting Him as Lord but about living every day with a heart surrendered to His will.

- John 12:26 – **"Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me."**

Following Jesus transforms us into His likeness, as we learn to see the world through His eyes, love as He loves, and serve as He served.



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**SPEAK JESUS.**

3. THE PURPOSE

## Speak Jesus.

Finally, Jesus has entrusted us with the greatest message of hope and salvation. We are called to share the gospel, the Good News of His love, death, and resurrection, with everyone we encounter. This is not just a suggestion—it's a command.

- Mark 16:15 – **"He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.'"**

We are the messengers of Christ's love and redemption, called to testify to what He has done in our lives and to invite others into a life-changing relationship with Him.