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Mark 8-34:9-1

In today's gospel, Christ reminds us what a sacrifice it is to be Christian. He is stern with us as a father would be to his children. Firstly, to correct our sinful ways and secondly, to emphasize what it takes to gain eternal life. He says "For whoever wants to save his own life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it". It cannot be simpler than that. Life in this case stands for our own desires and wants--which must be put aside for Christ. It is not enough to say we are followers of Jesus without much effort. St Paul calls life a race, and we can only be victorious by proper training in the virtues of the Life-giver.