

Three S's

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

Matthew 16:24

- Deny yourself – Service – last and loving it; me last and everyone else first; my life is about other people and about God, not me; I am here to serve, not to be served. (John 13:3-17; 2 Corinthians 5:15)
- Take up your cross – Sacrifice – fully give yourself away; vulnerability; embrace reality fully; make a contribution; make a difference; let your life count; stand up – be willing to take a shot (spear in the side) to shape reality/make the world a better place; finish the course/finish what you start/accomplish the mission; (Philippians 2:3-8)
- And follow Me – Sold Out - wholeheartedness; Deuteronomy 6 lifestyle; complete abandonment to God; live for “The Day”, not today; no shortcuts. (Deuteronomy 6:5)