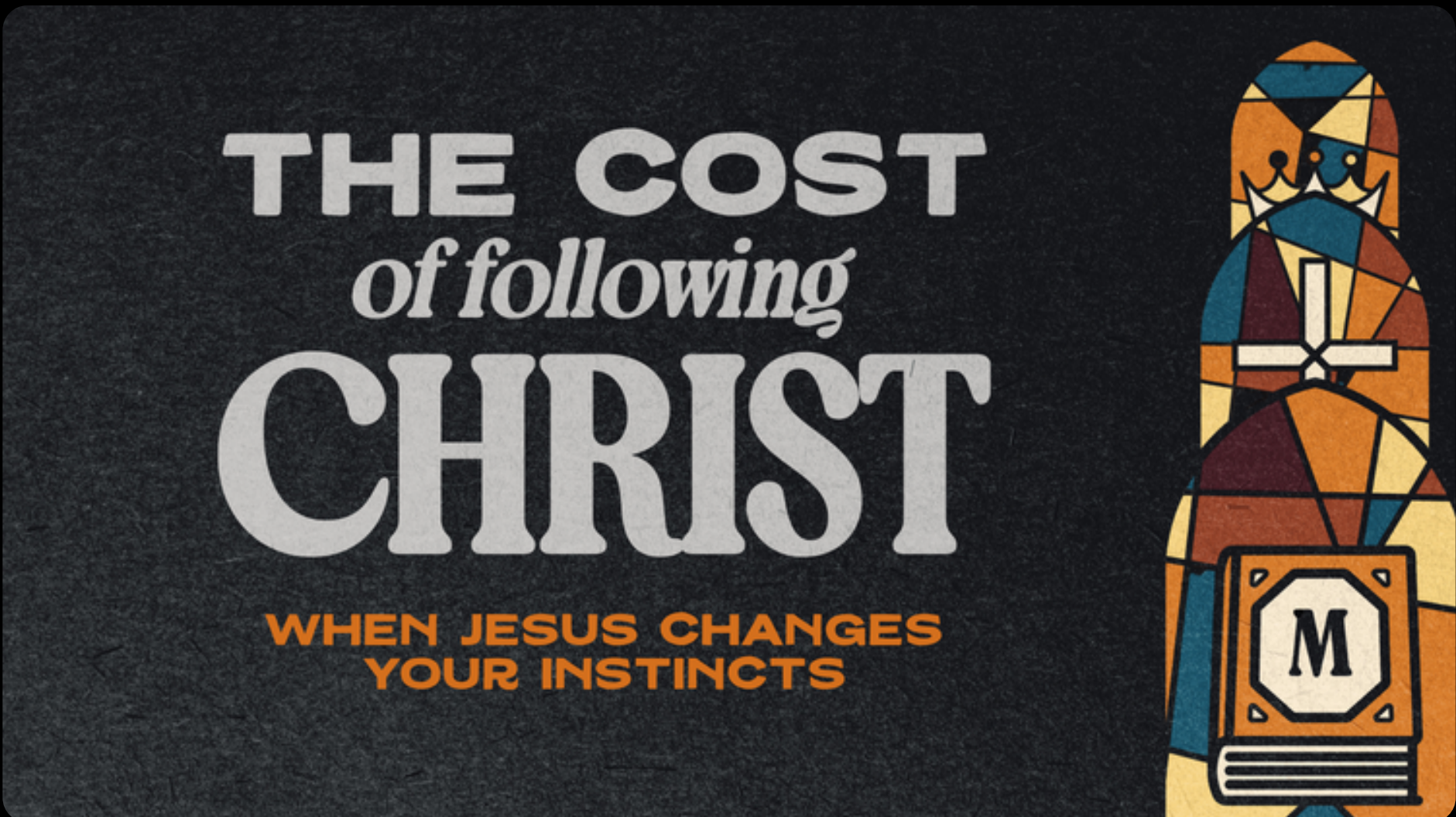




## When Jesus Changes Your Instincts

Scripture: Mark 10:32-52  
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Following Jesus often means learning that our first instinct isn't always the right one. In Mark 10:32-52, we learn to find strength in Jesus' resolve, fight our natural instincts, and fix our eyes on Jesus.

**Mark 10:32-34**, 32 *They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him.* 33 *"We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, 34 who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."*

### FIND Strength in Jesus' Resolve

1. His resolve faced certain suffering.
2. His resolve was fueled by His love for us: John 15:13
3. His resolve strengthens me to not give up: Hebrews 12:1b-3

**Thomas Brooks (Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices)**

"Remember this, that your life is short, your duties many, your assistance great, and your reward sure; therefore faint not, hold on and hold up, in ways of well-doing, and heaven shall make amends for all."

**Mark 10:35-40**, *Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."* 36 *"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.* 37 *They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."* 38 *"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"* 39 *"We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, 40 but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."*

### FIGHT Your Natural Instincts

1. Instead of: *we want you to do for us whatever we ask*  
Say: God, I want to do for you whatever you ask of me!
2. Instead of: *Let one of us sit at your right/left...in your glory*  
Say: God, how can I walk in humility today?
3. Instead of: *We can!*  
Say: God, I can't do this without you Lord!
4. Jesus modeled a better way. His instincts are...

**Mark 10:41-45**, 41 *When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John.* 42 *Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

Patient: The disciples were angry! Jesus simply taught them.

Sacrificial: He would soon give his life to serve us.

**Mark 10:46-52**, 46 *Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging.* 47 *When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"* 48 *Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"* 49 *Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."* So they called to the blind man, *"Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you."* 50 *Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.* 51 *"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.* The blind man said, *"Rabbi, I want to see."* 52 *"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.*

### FIX Your Eyes on Jesus

1. Put yourself where you'll encounter Jesus: *by the roadside*
2. Remember who you're talking to: *Son of David*
3. Don't let opposition silence you: *rebuked him...be quiet!*
4. Plead for His mercy: *have mercy on me!*
5. Take courage, you are doing what He wants: *Cheer up!*
6. Be ready to respond: *he jumped to his feet & came to Jesus*
7. Ask boldly according to His will: *Rabbi, I want to see*
8. Follow Jesus whatever His answer: *followed Jesus along*

### "What do you want me to do for you?"

- He denied the disciples same request in verse 36, but He grants Bartimaeus same request in verse 51. Why?
  - The disciples wanted their glory (the best seats).
  - Bartimaeus simply wanted to see (perhaps so He could follow).
- More than our glory, we should want to see God's glory.

"A proud man is always looking down on things and people: and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you."

C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity, Book III, chapter 8, "The Great Sin."

Practice This Week

