

## Faith on the Roller Coaster

### *When Faith Costs*

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#### **Matthew 16:13-20**

<sup>21</sup> From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." <sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? <sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup> Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

## Discussion Questions

When have you gotten overconfident and it resulted in getting in way over your head?

Does the word 'must' in verse 21 hold any significance?  
Why did Jesus' statement disturb Peter so deeply?

What is Peter saying or demonstrating when he rebukes Jesus?  
Why does Jesus react so forcefully?

Why do you think Jesus begins teaching about discipleship after this incident?

What do you think about Jesus call for a disciple to "deny himself and take up his cross and follow me"?

Is it realistic?

Is it realistic not to?

What are we left with if we don't "come after" Jesus?  
How do we follow Him in the way He has called us to?