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becoming a completely. committed. follower.

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Take Up Your Cross

²³ Then he said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. Luke 9:23 (NRSV)

The allure of the _____ cross

¹ Oh, foolish Galatians! What magician has cast an evil spell on you? For you used to see the meaning of Jesus Christ's death as clearly as though I had shown you a signboard with a picture of Jesus dying on the cross. Galatians 3:1 (NLT1)

The power of the _____ cross

¹⁸ The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18 (NLT)

²⁷ Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. ²⁸ God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. ²⁹ As a result, no one

can ever boast in the presence of God.

1 Corinthians 1:27-29 (NLT)

⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NIV2011)

- When we admit our foolishness and weakness we can receive God's _____ and _____.

¹⁹ I have been crucified with Christ; ²⁰ and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:19b-20 (NRSV)

- Have you been _____ with Christ?

My Next Step Today Is To:

- Choose to give myself to God and follow Him.
- Admit my own foolishness and weakness so that I can receive power and strength from God.
- Die to self so that I might live by faith through Jesus.
- Memorize and/or meditate on Galatians 2:19b-20