

“The Courage to Take up Your Cross”  
Matt. 10:38-39; 16:24-26  
March 22, 2015

**Scripture Reading** – Matthew 16:24-26

The Courage of a Christ-follower...

1. Ready to deny “self.”
  - Life purposes.
  - Life priorities.
  - Life particulars.
  
2. Willing to accept his/ her “cross.”
  - Personally.
  - Daily.
  - Fully.
  - With humility.
  
3. Actively following Christ.
  - Wherever He goes.
  - Whatever He does.
  - Whenever He moves.

**Application:**

1. What areas of “denying self” needs to be readjusted in your thinking? What does your “cross” look like in your life?
2. Are you truly “following” Christ with your life? What needs to change? Pray for the courage to boldly follow Him this week.