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Chapters 36 & 39: Sacrifice Vultures & The Rich Young Ruler(s)* Discussion Sheet

Scriptural Foundation: “³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?’” *Mark 8:34-36 (NIV)*

God’s Instructions: Matt. 6:25-34; Luke 12:22-34, 14:33, 16:13-15; Matt. 13:44-46; 2 Cor. 8:9; Acts 2:44-45

1. How do you feel inside when God convicts you to sacrifice some aspect of your lifestyle in order to help others?

2. In our modern, 21st century context, what did Christ mean when he said, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”?

3. Do you think our materialistic, capitalism-fueled society has shaped mainstream Christianity in the areas of self-denial and sacrifice? If so, how?

4. We’re called to sacrifice ourselves financially for God’s cause but at what stage does our giving become sacrificial giving?

5. Are you willing to ‘live more simply than others might simply live’? If so, what thing/s are you going to go without?

6. Julian implies that many of us are ‘sacrifice vultures’. Do you see this characteristic in your life? If so, in what ways does it reveal itself?

7. To Do List: _____

* To be completed after reading Chapters 36 & 39 of *HELP! I've Been Blessed!* by Julian Archer.

Free Resources:



VIDEO CLIP: *Sacrifice Vultures* - filmed onsite at Flossenburg Death Camp, Germany. View or Download for free at www.faith-vs-finance.org

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“When a person prospers, either God gains a partner or the person loses their soul.”