

UNDENIABLE Pt 3

“The Other Side of Fear”

Matthew 16:24-25 NIV

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

REVIEW

We have a tendency to SAVE OURSELVES.

- We save ourselves by performing our way to be worthy.
- We save ourselves by preserving our way to be secure.

Philippians 3:7-11 NIV

7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. 10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

OBSERVATIONS

- The Things we depend upon to validate our worth are considered rubbish.
- Their Value is reduced in light of a Value that Surpasses them.

Romans 6:3-4 NIV

3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a **new** life.

Galatians 6:14-15 NIV

14 May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the **new** creation.

THE CROSS

- The Demonstration of God's Love
- The Reconciliation of the World

Philippians 3:12-14 NIV

12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

THE OTHER SIDE OF FEAR

FEAR



Fear Preserves

LOVE



Love Gives

"I believe that the world was created and approved by love, that it subsists, coheres, and endures by love, and that, insofar as it is redeemable, it can be redeemed only by love. I believe that divine love, incarnate and indwelling in the world, summons the world always toward wholeness, which ultimately is reconciliation and atonement with God." (Wendell Berry)

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

- This will mean our lives become a demonstration of God's love.
- This will mean that our lives are given for reconciliation.