

“The Radicals: This Generation, This World, This Time”—Part 6

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- **Episode #1—“You are the Christ” (Mark 8:27-30)**
- **Episode #2—“But no cross, please” (Mark 8:31-33)**
 - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe: “There are four things I hate: tobacco smoke, lice, garlic, and the cross.”
 - Elie Wiesel: “He put his great hairy hand on my shoulder: ‘Listen to me, boy. Don’t forget that you’re in a concentration camp. Here, every man has to fight for himself and not think of anyone else. Even of his father. Here, there are no fathers, no brothers, no friends. Everyone lives and dies for himself alone. I’ll give you a sound piece of advice—don’t give your ration of bread and soup to your old father. There’s nothing you can do for him. And you’re killing yourself. Instead, you ought to be having his ration.’” (*Night* 115)
 - *Desire of Ages*: “Satan was trying to discourage Jesus, and turn Him from His mission; and Peter, in his blind love, was giving voice to the temptation. . . . In the wilderness, Satan had offered Christ the dominion of the world on condition of forsaking the path of humiliation and sacrifice. Now he was presenting the same temptation to the disciple of Christ. He was seeking to fix Peter’s gaze upon the earthly glory, that he might not behold the cross to which Jesus desired to turn his eyes. . . . The words of Christ were spoken, not to Peter, but to the one who was trying to separate him from his Redeemer. ‘Get thee behind Me, Satan.’ No longer interpose between Me and My erring servant. Let Me come face to face with Peter, that I may reveal to him the mystery of My love.” (416)
- **Episode #3—“But no cross means no salvation” (Mark 8:34-37)**
 - Deitrich Bonhoeffer: “When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.” (*The Cost of Discipleship* 99)
 - “Did You Know the Real Deal?” Adventist Frontier Missions DVD
 - 1 in 3 on earth today (2 billion) have no access to anyone who can tell them about Jesus.
 - Only 1 in 30 missionaries work with these 2 billion who need them most.
 - For every \$100 in the offering plate, only one cent goes to this work.
 - “The harvest rots in the field, if no one is there to harvest it.”
 - George MacDonald: “We must refuse, abandon, deny self altogether as a ruling, or determining, or originating element in us. It is to be no longer the regent of our action. We are no more to think ‘What should I like to do?’ but ‘What would the Living One have me to do?’” (Philip Yancey, *What Good Is God?* 111)
 - *Steps to Christ*: “The church of Christ is God’s appointed agency for the salvation of men. Its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. And the obligation rests upon all Christians. . . . If the followers of Christ were awake to duty, there would be thousands where there is one today proclaiming the gospel in heathen lands. And all who could not personally engage in the work, would yet sustain it with their means, their sympathy, and their prayers. And there would be far more earnest labor for souls in Christian countries.” (81)

*“If any would come after Me,
let them deny themselves
and take up the cross
and follow Me.”*