

# Carrying Your Cross

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***To pick it up daily don't we  
need to know what it is?***

***Is it a wooden cross?***

***If not, what is it?***

# Pick Up Your Cross Daily

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- ⌘ **Luke 9:23** *"And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. "*
- ⌘ **Luke 14:27** *" "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. "*

# What is My Cross?

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## ⌘ It must fit these principles

☑ To Love God or Your Neighbor

☒ *Matthew 22:37-40*

☑ Preach The Gospel

☒ *Matthew 28:19-20*

☑ Bear One Another's Burden

☒ *Galatians 6:2*

☑ Be An Example

☒ *1 Timothy 4:12*

☑ Doing Your Part

☒ *Ephesians 4:16*

# **We Must Endure Our Cross**

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- ⌘ **Hebrews 12:2** *"fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."*
- ⌘ **1 Peter 5:10** *"After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you."*
- ⌘ **James 1:2-4** *"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."*

# At This Place - At This Time

- ⌘ **Esther 4:14** " *For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?"*
- ⌘ **Ruth 1:17** " *Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the Lord do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me."*
- ⌘ **Genesis 45:5** " *Now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. "*

# Paul Knew His Cross

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⌘ **Acts 9:15-16** *"But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake."*"

⌘ **2 Corinthians 11:24-12:10**

# So What's Mine?

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## ⌘ As An Evangelist

- ☑ To be an example ~ 1Tim 4:12
- ☑ To endure the hardships ~ 2Tim 2:3
- ☑ To preach the word ~ 2Tim 4:2

## ⌘ As A Husband/Father

- ☑ Care for wife ~ 1Cor 7:32-33
- ☑ Dwell with understanding ~ 1Pet 3:7
- ☑ Bring up child in the Lord ~ Eph 6:4

## ⌘ As A Son, Brother, Citizen, etc.