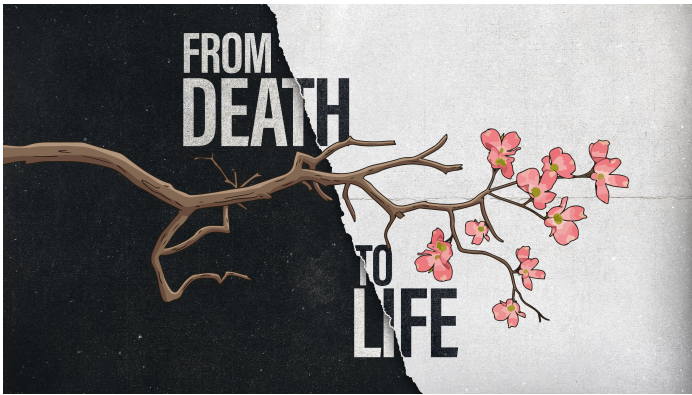


## MESSAGE NOTES



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Choosing to follow Jesus simply means giving up my way of living to go His way.

This decision is a personal choice, and it has real-life consequences.

*"<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. <sup>25</sup> If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it."*

Matthew 16:24–25 (NLT)

We cannot honestly claim to follow Jesus and do whatever we want.

*"My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."*  
Galatians 2:20 (NLT)

**When I do give my life to God, I have everything I will ever need!**

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*"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose".*

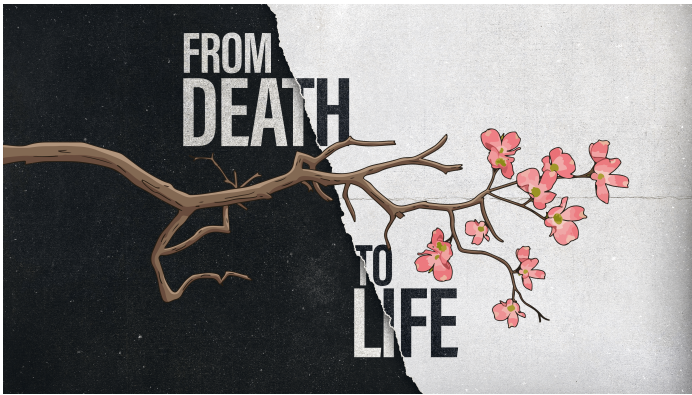
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**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**

NLT- New Living Translation

## TAKE HOME SHEET



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Prior to the Sunday message, we cheered for the people who were baptized as a public testimony of their acceptance of Jesus as their Savior and Leader. This is a great time to consider our own relationship with Him and to remember what is truly important. Here are a few questions to consider:

Have I made a personal commitment to accept Jesus' invitation to follow Him? If so, when? What were the circumstances?

What is something I have "given up" in order to be fully devoted to following Jesus?

How have I seen the benefit of giving this up play out in my life?

What is something I believe God is challenging me currently to give up that is difficult?

What is a positive step I can take this week?