

“Take Up Your Cross”

~ Matthew 16:21–28

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- 1) When we're talking about the kingdom of God and God's plan, we all should be humble.

- 2) When we're talking about the kingdom of God and God's plan, we all should be hopeful.

- 3) “For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light.” *(Luke 8:17)*

Text for Personal Reflection:

²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly. *(Matthew 15)*

Prayer & Reflection Questions:

When God answers a prayer, “No,” do I give up?

Is there anyone in my life who I deny the grace of God, whether through my words, thoughts, or actions?