**Luke 9:23-25 (NKJV), emphasis mine, "Then He said to *them* all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For *whoever desires to save his life will lose it*, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?"**

***And here’s your “There is no wasted ink the Bible” moment!... Luke was the author of the Gospel of Luke, as well as the Acts of the Apostles and was identified in Colossians 4:14 when Paul labeled him "Luke, the beloved physician." History suggests that he was born a Greek Gentile. One historical theory suggests that he might have been born as a slave and trained as his owner's physician, a common practice in those days. His compassion for women and the poor highlights the kindness and mercy that follow his writings. A physician and a scientist, Dr. Luke was meticulous in his details, careful in his listings, and logical in his conclusion-drawing.***

***Luke dictates three distinct, decidedly difficult directions definitely directing us Jesus.***

1. **Deny (yourself) *2.* Take up (your) cross AND *3.* Follow (Jesus).**

***Happy "Whoever Desires to Save” Wednesday! As you* Deny, *as you* Take up, *as you* Follow, *never lose sight of the victory won on "Skull's Hill," where mercy reigned and "love" defeated death FOREVER! Lose yourself, and in doing so, find His forever love!***

***It is always,***

***Because of Calvary,***

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**Dear God Almighty, I truly desire to follow after You. Allow me to “deny” those things on this earth that are not good for me. Show me the “hard path” of servanthood, as I strive to “take up my cross” daily. Remind me of those around me that are dying without You. Be with the sick and sorrowing; send the Holy Spirit to help. Lead me in righteousness, for Your cause. Protect America, Israel, and Your faithful from the terror that targets us. Protect our schools and our children, and urge Christian teachers and administrators to be strong, vocal, and true to You! Take us back to the roots Your Word teaches. Take us deeper into Your promises! Forgive me when I fall. Help me please You, my King, as You bring Your Kingdom to earth. I love You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**