



SERMON QUESTIONS

July 12, 2026

Series: Marked

Sermon: Mirror, Mirror

Matthew 16:24-28; Gal 5:16-23

1. Read at least 2 times the following passages: Matthew 16:24, Mark 8:34 and Luke 9:23. How are they similar? How are they different?
2. What does it mean to “deny yourself”? How difficult is this?
3. In addition to denying self, each text says that if someone is to come after Jesus they must, also, “take up his cross and follow Me.” Try to take yourself out of the USA in 2026 and put yourself in first century Israel to explain the weight and nature of being told to take up your cross IN ORDER to follow Him.
4. Read Jeremiah 17:9 and put into your own words what this text says is the inhibitor to denying self.
5. Read 2 Corinthians 11:2. Take a couple of minutes to let the meaning of those words sink it. Now, what is this saying about spiritual fidelity?
6. I know I’m listing a lot of verses, but please read each of them with the following thought in mind: how does the Scripture act like a mirror to me, according to this passage. Here are the passages:

James 1:18	1 Peter 22-25	Romans 10:17	Psalms 19:9-11
Hebrews 4:12	Psalms 119:11	Psalms 119:105	Jeremiah 23:29
1 Peter 2:2	James 1:23-25	Proverbs 4:20-22	Psalms 119:9, 111
Colossians 3:16			

7. According to Galatians 5:16-25, what is the nature of a Christian? What is the secret to that conflict mentioned in Galatians 5:16-25?