REAL MEAL: THE RISK OF DISCIPLESHIP

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I seem to be struggling to be creative of late, but the great thing about blogging is that you can always refer people to the good works of others. Once again, Brian Russell has an excellent post:

> *Matthew 16:24, 25*
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> *Then Jesus said to his disciples, â€œIf anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.Â For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.*

Most of us read these verses only in the negative: self-denial, hardship, etc, but this is a distortion of Jesusâ€™ point. Yes, the way of discipleship is hard. Letâ€™s be clear about this.
Following Jesus Christ is a profound counter-cultural action. It is a life of risk. It is not about safety. But it is the opportunity to live a full life in the service of our Creator. It is an opportunity to live for that which we were made. Nothing could be more exiting nor, dare I say it, fulfilling. It is about following Jesus into the places that only those who have lost the fear of living can go. Jesus invites us to consider ourselves â€œdead men walkingâ€ precisely so that he can unleash us into a world that desperately needs women and men who are not afraid of uncertainty, danger, and trials because they know that their true Master is with them always (28:20).

You can read the full post here.