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DAY SIX:

What are you willing to die for? In the last two years or so, I have been confronted by this question. First, because I watched my son lay down his life for Christ, and then as two of my co-workers left all of their family and possessions behind to serve Christ in lands where their lives could be required of them.

It causes me to look at all that I hold dear, my family, friends, home, job, even my possessions. What of these things is worth dying for? My home or other possessions certainly aren't. Yet, when I look at what our culture teaches us to embrace as important, material things are usually at the top of the list.

When we study the word, we are told "*if anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me*" (Matthew 16:24). We can't take up his cross until we lay down the accumulation of things already in our hands. We cling to too many unimportant things.

Things are never worth dying for. The pursuit of money to buy more things is certainly not worth dying for. Jobs are important, but if we hold them above what God is calling us to, then we have not emptied our hands.

In Matthew 4:19-20, Jesus called Simon and Andrew to be disciples. We need to react as they did. The passage says, "*At once they left their nets and followed him.*" That means that when Jesus called them, they left their families and their livelihood, and simply followed. We need to drop the things we are holding onto and follow him, as well.

What do you need to let go of? What is keeping you from following his call? Is it worth holding onto? Is it worth dying for? Let go. Follow him.