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RE- FLECTING GOD

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Mark 8:31-9:1

I listened one evening with a group of pastors to a famous entertainer telling about helping a Christian organization make a documentary on their ministry in a war zone, helping the people ravaged by the war. He told about landing and filming on a road where the sounds of war were all around them. Reflecting on it later, he said, he realized their lives were in danger. At the time, though, he said it didn't seem unusual for him to take those risks when everyone around him was risking their lives daily as they carried out their ministry.

Jim Elliott, who later gave his life as a missionary in Ecuador, wrote in his journal, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose." Most of us?most of the time?are not usually called on to actually risk a lot for the sake of the gospel. We may face some opposition to the actions and opinions we take for our faith, but not usually violent resistance. Our temptation seems more likely to be toward protecting our comfortable lives. As we follow Christ, we will resist that temptation.

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