

Empty: Avoiding the Emptiness of the Crowd

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Part 1: Avoiding the Direction of the Crowd

<If you don't know where you're going, the culture will give you directions.>

Luke 9:23

Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

The Curse: The crowd is all about continual _____.

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something greater than yourself.

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Part 2: Transcending above the Crowd

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The Call: Faith is trusting in God's future _____.

† Making Jesus _____ means living for his
_____.

The Catch: Mankind has always wanted to _____ Jesus.

The Call: God allows us to encounter _____ so we
might seek him as our most trusted _____.

The Catch: Sometimes God keeps us in the _____
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