

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Cure:** Have an audience of \_\_\_\_\_.

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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  
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**The Catch:** Mankind has always wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

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