



“How lonely sits the city that was full of people! How like a widow is she, who was great among the nations! The princess among the provinces has become a slave!”
Lamentations 1:1

How sad the prophet’s commentary on the ancient city of Jerusalem. And yet, his words pierce our hearts and break into our lives even today! Our schools and shopping areas are full of empty people! Sadly, our churches too, are often filled with empty people! How can this be? What is the cause? What can be done to fill this deep spiritual void?

“He must increase, but I must decrease.” (John 3:30).

To experience the abundant life Jesus promised, one must first deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow Jesus. To find your life you must first lose it for Jesus’ sake. (Matthew 16:24 – 25)

This way of up being down and this way to life by death is contrary to our fallen human thinking. We are repelled by it and we shun such opposing views! Nevertheless, Jesus is right! Dear saint of God, the Lord desires abundant life, not empty and purposeless living! To follow Jesus into His abundant life you will first be required to deny yourself and embrace your own cross. Fear not! Resurrection life always follows those who obey the Master. To follow Jesus wholly will ultimately lead to His resurrection life! It is inevitable!

“Yes, Lord, I will embrace my cross, die to self and wholeheartedly follow after You! I desire that my life become a “filling station” for those who are empty!”

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