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2. In the following verses (vs36-37) Jesus talks about the importance of cross bearing. What is at stake?
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