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New Message Series: Owning Your Slice of Life **Urban Dictionary:** "Own It" - taking responsibility, being accountable for your actions. #1. "Owning It" - Being Response Able: Your Part Away. * **Not:** Self-Improvement * Not: Self-Fulfillment * Not: "How To Be A Better You" Luke 9:23, 24 "And He said to all, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it." **Truth:** This is just for the "Super-Committed", the "Super-Dedicated." I Corinthians 15:31 "... I die every day!" Luke 9:23 "... let his deny himself..." * Saying Yes to God... Putting to death the IDOL of Self... Taking _____ **The Motivation/The Power-Source:** 2 Corinthians 5:14 "For the love of Christ compels me..." "John Muir is a standing rebuke against becoming a mere spectator in life, preferring creature comfort to Creator confrontation." #2. "Your Slice of Life" - You Can't Do Everything: But You Your Part. Luke 9:23 "... take up his cross daily and follow Me." <u>Luke 9:23</u> "... let him deny himself" - to _____ to <u>self-interest</u> and <u>self-centeredness</u>. Colossians 2:6, 7 "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and <u>established</u> in the faith..." Luke 9:23 "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him... take up his cross daily..." * "take up his cross daily" - not a spouse, not an illness, not a trial - "your slice": your part. Galatians 6:4 "... thru the cross of Christ, the world is dead to me and I to the world." * "Flagrant vice (nasty sin) is not needed to kill the . Clean, respectable selfishness does the work effectively." ~ Mac Laren Luke 9:23 "If anyone wishes to come after Me... let him... follow Me." 2 Corinthians 4:2 "But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty..." **To Renounce:** My choosing my cushy, my comfy, no cost-involved tendencies. **The Reason:** To help change what slice of my world God has for my life.

Question: What breaks your heart? Where does the Love of God in you, lead you?