*4/14 Sermon Outline*

 **"Daily Self-Denial and Self-Affirmation"** (2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Corinthians 3:16; Philippians 2:13; Luke 9:23)

### I. Introduction: Exploring the dual concepts of self-denial and self-affirmation within Christian life.

### II. The Need for Self-Denial (Luke 9:23)

1. Essential for transformation and growth in faith.
2. Misconceptions Cleared: Not about self-harm but about prioritizing spiritual over earthly desires.

### III. The Power of Self-Affirmation (2 Co. 5:17; 1 Co. 3:16)

1. Embracing our role as new creations and temples of the Holy Spirit.
2. Recognizing and living out God’s love internally enhances our external expressions of faith.

### IV. Practical Application: Balancing Both (Philippians 2:13)

1. God empowers and directs our actions for His purpose.
2. Consistent self-denial paired with affirming our identity in Christ.

### VI. Conclusion: Call to Action– Commit to these practices daily; engage deeply with church life to foster spiritual growth.