

“The Adventure of Faith”

Sermon Series “Goliath Must Fall — Comfort Must Fall” (Week 4)

Sermon

Mark 8:34–37

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1) Question: What makes a meaningful life?

^{34b} [Jesus] said to [the crowd] ... ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? *(Mark 8:34b, 36)*

2) Reflection: The Great Unknown Ahead

“It’s a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don’t keep your feet, there’s no knowing where you might be swept off to” *(JRR Tolkien, Lord of the Rings)*

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God *(Colossians 3:1–3)*

3) Action: Happiness/Meaning is always a byproduct of seeking something (or we might say ‘someone’) greater.

^{34b} [Jesus] said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? *(Mark 8:34-36)*

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. *(Philippians 3:12–14)*