

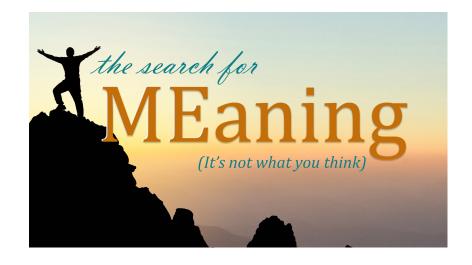
This morning let's not be just 'hearers' of the Word, but 'doers of the word. Take some time at lunch, dinner, or bedtime to DIG DEEPER into the today's lesson and story. Take a few moments to apply today's lesson to our lives.

ASK MYSELF...challenging questions for the heart:

- 1. Have you ever or are you presently caught up in the search for MEaning? Where really, it's about you? Why is this an easy pitfall for us? From this morning's message, how do you break free?
- 2. Purpose is defined as becoming a means to an end. What do you think is involved in this statement as you consider your own life and your personal search for meaning?
- 3. A very challenging and personal question: What do you need to become able to say 'no' to in order to say 'yes' to something bigger?
- 4. Take some time to pray over today's message.

FOR THE FAMILY...challenging questions for family life:

- 1. Discuss the idea that true meaning in life comes from giving ourselves to things that are bigger than ourselves. Namely God first, and others second.
- 2. Help your kids understand the difference between being devoted to yourself verses others. How can you practice this together during the week?
- 3. Moms and dads, look for selflessness in your kids during the week. Praise them when you see them putting others first.
- 4. Take some time pray together.



Today's Service

November 5th, 2017

Series: The Search for MEaning
Part 1: I Love MY Life

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Everyone wants to know that they – that their life has		
1 Kings 3:10-14 (NLT)		
¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom. ¹¹ So God replied, "Because you have asked for wisdom in governing my people with justice and have not asked for a long life or wealth or the death of your enemies— ¹² I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding heart such as no one else has had or ever will have! ¹³ And I will also give you what you did not ask for—riches and fame! No other king in all the world will be compared to you for the rest of your life! ¹⁴ And if you follow me and obey my decrees and my commands as your father, David, did, I will give you a long life."		
Ecclesiastes 1:2 (NLT)		
² "Everything is meaningless," says the Teacher, "completely meaningless!"		
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John 21:15-17 (NLT)		
¹⁵ After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him. ¹⁶ Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you." "Then		

take care of my sheep," Jesus said. ¹⁷ A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third

time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep."

Luke 9:23-24 (NLT)

²³Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. ²⁴ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

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