



Sermon Notes – February 25, 2024

Loss by Forfeit!

Mark 8:34–38

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Opening Point:

Always remember, God is always more concerned with who you are becoming than what you are accomplishing!

Avoid forfeiting your soul...

1. **...by defining your priorities!** (📖 Mark 8:34)
 - a. Christ must be first in EVERYTHING!
(📖 Luke 5:11, 14:33, Philippians 3:8–9)
2. **...by defining your values!** (📖 Mark 8:35–37)
 - a. What's most important to you?
 - b. What are your non-negotiables?!
(📖 1 John 2:15–17;19, James 1:27, James 4:4)
3. **...by defining your identity!** (📖 Mark 8:38)
 - a. You are who God says you are!
 - b. Claim it!
(📖 Hebrews 11:23–26)

Closing Point:

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe (📖 Philippians 2:14–15).

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And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he 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? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY’S MESSAGE

Philippians 3:8–9 What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

1 John 2:15–17 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

Romans 8:28–30 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

KEY PASSAGE FOR TODAY’S MESSAGE