

BIG LOVE

HOW A GOSPEL IDENTITY RELENTLESSLY CARES
Pastor Cary Schmidt | Sunday, May 20, 2018

TEXT: MARK 8:35, ACTS 6:8-7:2

For whosoever will save his **life [psvche]** shall lose it: but whosoever shall

lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. (Mark 8:35)



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10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

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ACTS 6:15–7:2 15 And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel. 1 Then said the high priest, Are these things so? 2 And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken

IOHN 15:13

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

EPHESIANS 5:1-2

1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; 2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

ROMANS 8:35-39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? ... 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.