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THE GOSPEL-SHAPED LIFE

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## OUR FRAGILE SELVES

EXPOSING CULTURE'S DECEPTIVE IDENTITY STRUCTURES

Pastor Cary Schmidt | Sunday, April 15, 2018

TEXT: ACTS 5:11-33, MARK 8:35

*For whosoever will save his **life [psyche]** shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.  
(Mark 8:35)*

### INTRODUCTION

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### IDENTITIES ARE FRAGILE

ACTS 5:11-16

*11 And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things. 12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. 13 And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but*



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the people magnified them. 14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) 15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. 16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

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MATTHEW 26:73-75

73 And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee. 74 Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew. 75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

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## A IDENTITY IS DURABLE

PROVERBS 3:5-6

5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and **lean not unto thine own understanding.** 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and **he shall direct thy paths.**

PROVERBS 16:9

9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but **the LORD directeth his steps.**

PSALM 32:8

8 **I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.**

ISAIAH 48:17

17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; **I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.**

JEREMIAH 10:23-24

23 O LORD, I know that **the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.** 24 O LORD, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.

JAMES 1:5

5 **If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.**

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MATTHEW 13:44

44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

MATTHEW 16:26

26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-8

7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,