

## Losing our Soul

### Pastor Bryce Intro Story

#### Forfeit

To **lose** as a result of wrongdoing.

To **lose** by surrendering as a penalty for a wrongdoing in the rules of the game.

In these definitions we see that someone, or a group of people lose out because they were actually trying to gain, win, or get ahead. But in the end wind up losing more than if they hadn't done the wrong.

This is a look into the soul of man. We try to heal, fix, numb, change, take care of our broken and hurting souls and we choose to do it the wrong way only find ourselves in a place where we wind up losing more and being in a worse place than we started.

**Mark 8:27-38**

#### Notes from Biblical text

1. First time that we see his disciples believe in being the Messiah. Once he

knew the disciples believed in who he truly was he became more vigorous in the discipleship process with them.

2. He goes on to tell them that He has to die...first time after they proclaim this.

3. **Matthew's Gospel- 16:21**"From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary to go to Jerusalem."

4. For the first time lays out this is what life in the Kingdom looks like....this is what it's like to follow Jesus.

1/10<sup>th</sup> of iceberg visible

90% of an iceberg is below the water.

The represents our SOUL—As people we usually only focus on the 10% we can see, or that we see taking place with that 10% actually comes from the 90% that can't be see.

#### KNOWING OUR SOUL

Jesus came to die, rescue, and bring brand new life to our souls.

Nothing is worth more than our soul.

## Psuche

**5590** *psyxé* (from *psyxō*, "to breathe, blow" which is the root of the English words "psyche," "psychology") – *soul (psyche)*; a person's *distinct identity individual personality*.

-Lost your hand you will still be you...

5590 (*psyxē*) corresponds exactly to the OT **5315** /*phágō*("soul"). The *soul* is the direct aftermath of God breathing (blowing) His gift of life into a *person*, making them an *ensouled being*.

### Genesis 2:7

You don't have a soul

You are a soul

You Have a Body

**<sup>36</sup> And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?**

Benefit-To Gain or Acquire-  
Business gain, acquire... In our pursuit to gain one thing we actually end up losing

Rejecting Christ for temporary gain comes at the worst possible price... our soul.

*Gain the whole world but lose your own Psuche.*

*Lose-Forfeit- Zemioo*

*To injure*

*To sustain damage*

*Suffer loss*

What does it benefit you if you gain the whole world yet injure your soul.

What does it benefit you if you gain the whole world yet sustain damage to your soul.

What does it benefit you if you gain the whole world yet suffer loss to your soul.

Jesus is talking eternally throwing away our souls to gain the world.

Also goes deeper to the here and now.

Gain the whole world yet walk  
around with an injured,  
damaged, while suffering loss  
in our soul.

Gaining the world as...

Money

Fame

Power

Pleasure

Success

Identity

Fill in the blank:

\_\_\_\_\_

Goes deeper in our soul  
Those are just manifestations  
of deeper soul issues.

Issues that arise from...

Our childhood

Abuse- (verbal, physical,  
emotional, spiritual  
"legalism", religious, sexual)

Traumatic Experiences

Cycles and Patterns

The way you grew up.

Hurts

Broken and Fallen World

Fill in the Blank: \_\_\_\_\_

Especially anything that  
distorts the image of God and  
who He is.

Because of these our soul is...

**Confused about** Who God is

What Jesus has done

God loving and caring about  
us

**Living in** Shame

Guilt

Hurt

Wounded

Fear

Denial

**In need of** affirmation

Love

Belonging

**Our soul** escapes life

Avoids pain / Avoidance lifestyle.

NUMB, TAKE AWAY, FIX HURTS, PAINS...

**FIX THIS**  
**TRY A WORLDLY FIX**

**Soul Circle**

- Alcohol
- Drug Abuse
- Eating
- Video Games
- Social Media
- (Addictions)
- Habitual Sin
- PORN
- Money- Spending, Gambling
- Shopping



- Money
- Fame
- Power
- Pleasure
- Success
- Identity

In many cases we lose a bit of our soul piece by piece. Jesus is really talking in business terms to them.

Our soul has a Hostile takeover. A hostile takeover is a business venture that starts out by buying small amounts of the company's stock they intend to acquire. This way

Fill in the Blank: \_\_\_\_\_

they don't tip their hand too early.

From year 2000 ... In the most dramatic instance yet of new media supplanting old media, [America Online is buying Time Warner](#), the largest media and entertainment conglomerate in the world, for \$162 billion.

Yet to the .Com Bubble...they were taken over by companies who did it better...

We are tempted to sell off our soul piece by piece...look back and it lost...

Iceberg moment- realize...losing our soul.

We are like Peter

**Mark 8:32-33**

Chose Worldly...See from our point of view...

Avoid the Junk in our soul

What's the cure? What's the fix? Where do we find healing? To our souls....

**Mark 8:34-45**

How do we find life---Follow Jesus

Choosing worldly, is hanging on to our life...

Give your life up....to find it...to find healing, to find wholeness...

### **Following Jesus is John 10:10 Life**

What area(s) of your soul do you need to follow Jesus...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.