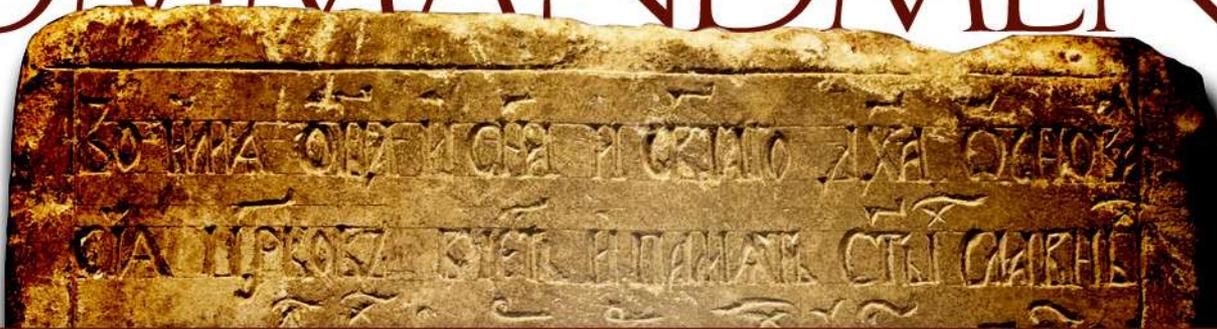


A
Giving
way of
Living



Tonight at 5:00 p.m.

TEN COMMANDMENTS



EXODUS 20:1-17



Sunday 2/22 5:00 p.m.

THE
STATE OF THE
CHURCH

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Reviewing the Past, Looking to the Future
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Marriage, a Spiritual Covenant

Friday, March 6th 7:30pm

- How is a covenant different from a contract?
- What is the real spiritual meaning of the wedding traditions?
- What is God's plan for a holy triune vs a human duet?



**How to Enrich & Instill Marital Commitment
Sunday March 8th 10:30am**

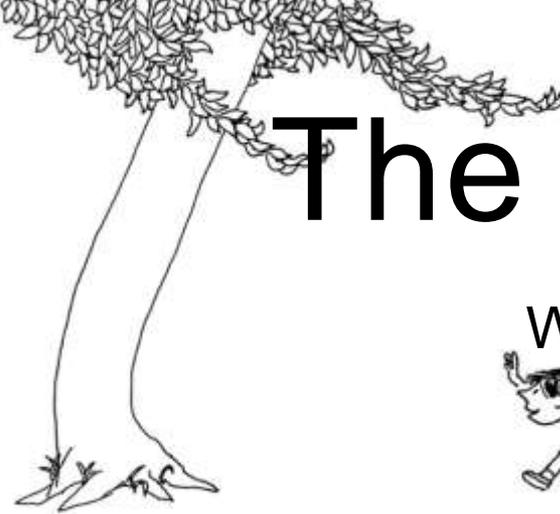
- How to keep romance & love alive!
- Understanding the six keys to marital satisfaction.
- How to rewrite marital vows; keep them fresh & meaningful.

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The Heart of the Matter



What's the plan, Lord? Where are you going?
Peter cannot follow; he isn't ready.
Peter believes he is ready.

Will you
“die to yourself”?

Will you be a
“living sacrifice”?

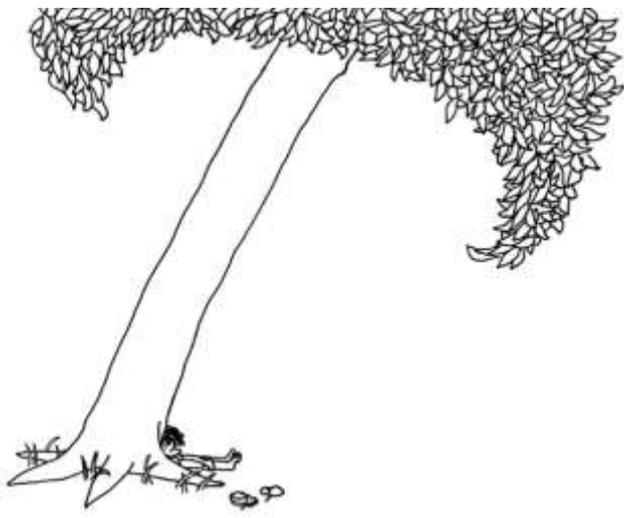
Are you prepared for
life-long giving?

Jesus' two-level question:

“Are you ready to die for me?”
“Are you ready to **live** for me?”

“...present your bodies as a living sacrifice...”

(Romans 12:1)



For Example...

Jesus “emptied himself” (Phil. 2:7)

A total lack of self-driven living

One who “paid the ultimate price”

“He chose an earthly career which involved the killing of his human desires at every turn... And then, after being thus killed—killed every day in a sense... Came back to life again.”

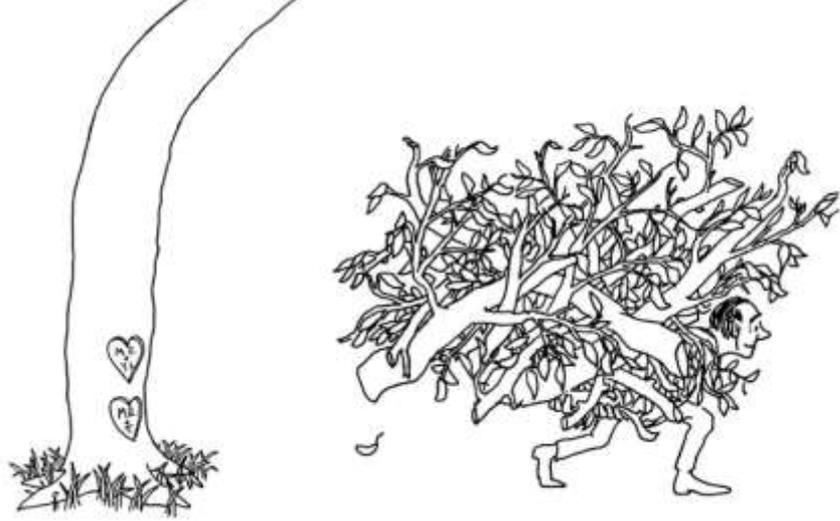
Why would you do that?!

What are self-sacrificing people thinking?

We fear sacrifice because...

- It may not be appreciated.
- We do not want to see “entitlement.”
- It does not make sense to give some things up.



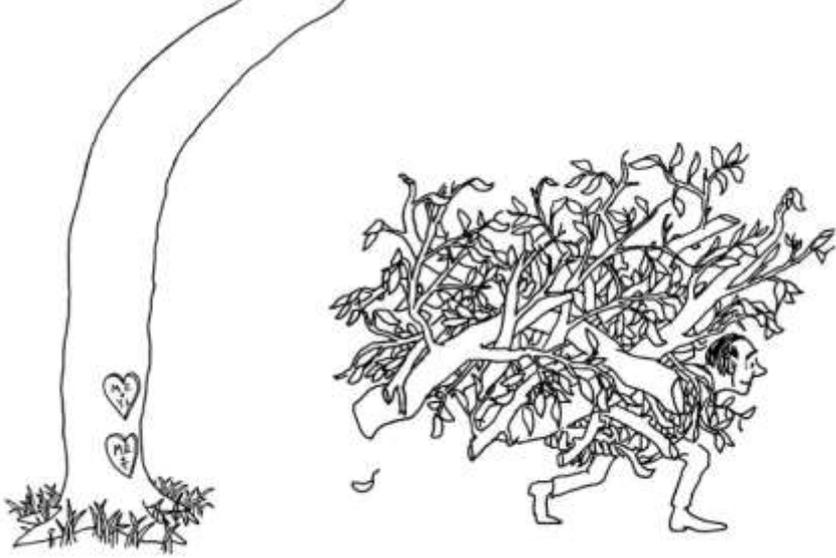


Why would you do that?!

Wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct.

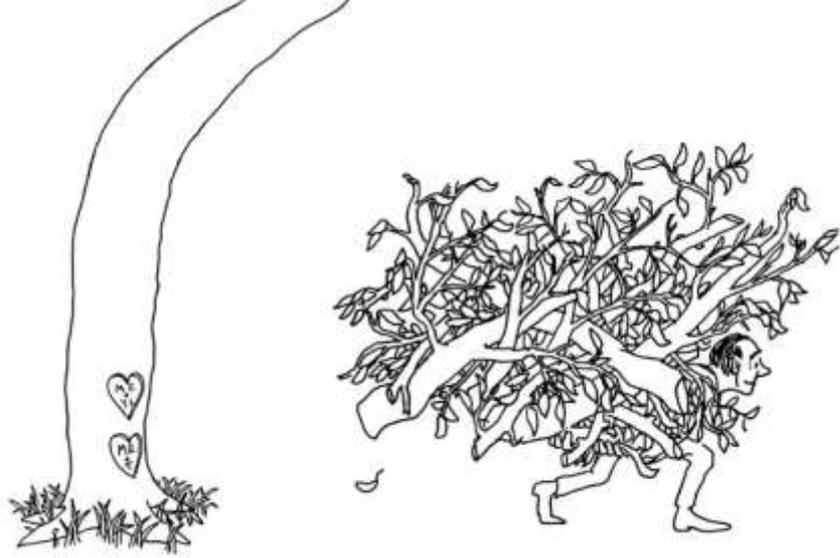
(1st Peter 3:1-2)

Why would you do that?!



Husbands, love your wives, as the church and gave himself up for her... so that he might present [her] to himself in splendor...
(Ephesians 5:25, 27)

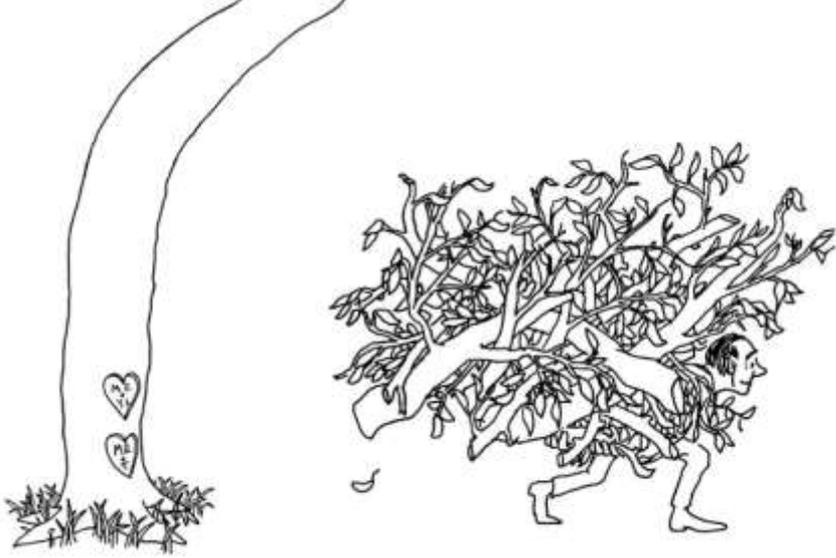
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I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls. If I love you more, am I to be loved less?

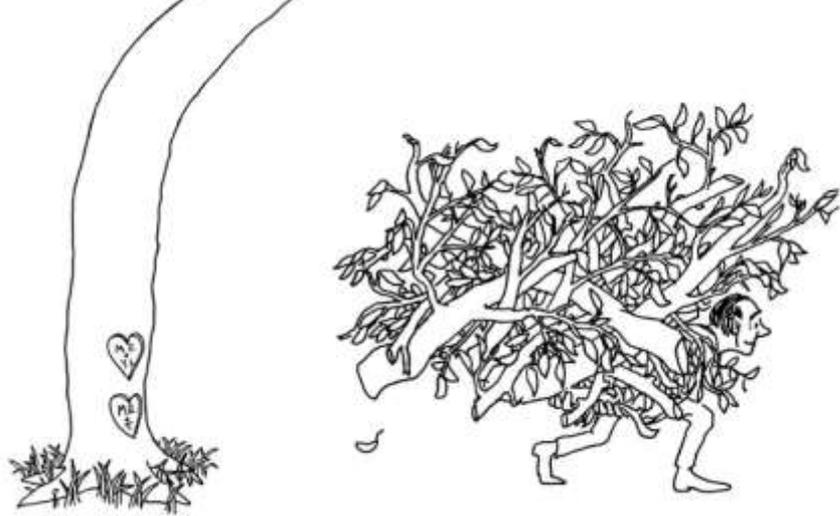
(2nd Corinthians 12:15)

Why would you do that?!



We were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God, but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

(1st Thessalonians 2:7-8)

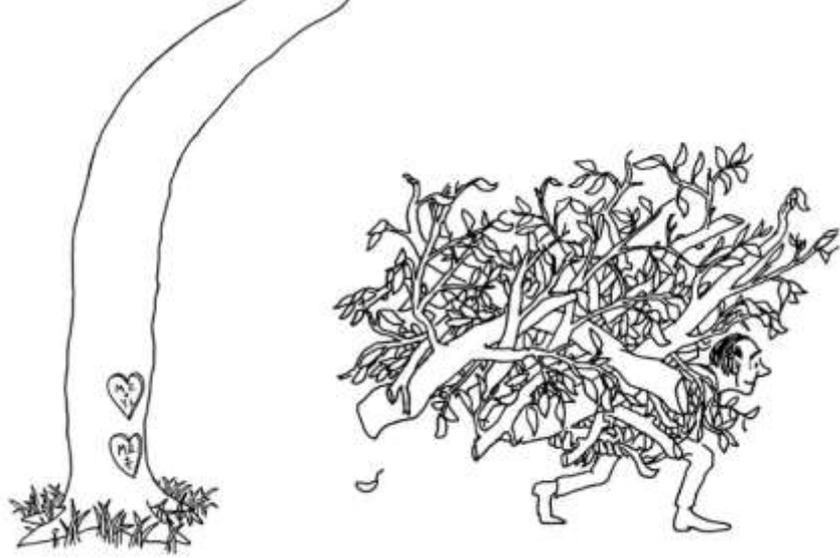


Why would you do that?!

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

(2nd Timothy 4:6-8)

Why would you do that?!



It is more blessed to give than to
receive.

(Acts 20:35)

Why would
you do that?!



And the tree was happy.

“Will you lay down your life for me?”

Peter, “you will follow afterward.”

Peter – the teacher

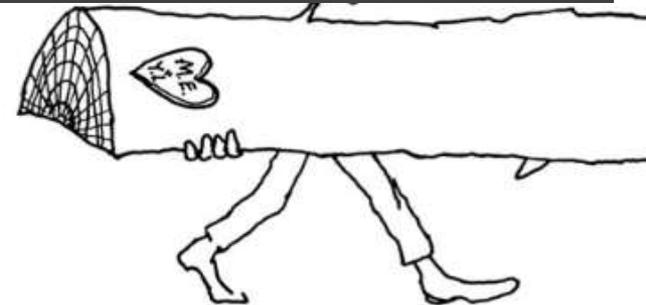
Peter – the disciple

Peter – the devoted follower

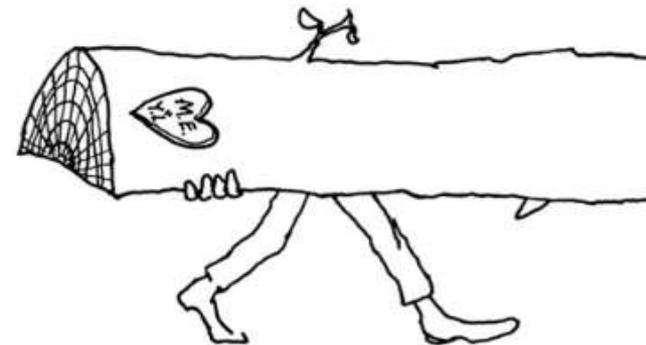
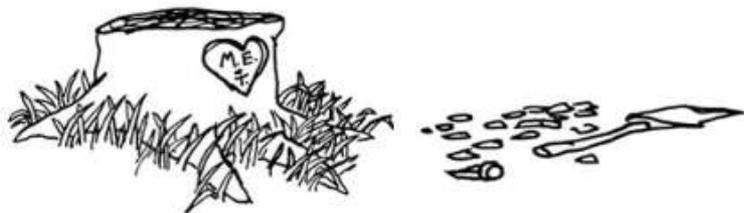
Peter – the writer

“...bless, for to this you were
called...”

(1st Peter 3:9)



“Will YOU lay down your
life for me?”



Everything?

A lesson from a poor widow (Luke 21:1-4)

“...she gave her entire living...”

(Luke 21:4)

Do I have to?

Giving is a matter of the heart

God commends those who give of themselves

- Luke 21:1-4
- 1st Corinthians 8:1-5



Everything?

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

(1st Corinthians 8:1-5)

Everything?

“Will you lay down your

dreams

for Christ?



Everything?

“Will you lay down your

wealth

for Christ?



Everything?

“Will you lay down your

career plans

for Christ?



Everything?

“Will you lay down your

ideas

for Christ?



Everything?

“Will you lay down your

heart, soul, mind, and strength

for Christ?



Everything?

“Will you lay down your

LIFE

for Christ?



Why can I not follow
you now?

I will lay down my life
for you.

A
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