

A photograph of a bamboo forest with a path leading into the distance. The path is made of gravel and is flanked by dense bamboo stalks. The bamboo stalks are tall and thin, with a light green color. The path leads towards a small wooden bridge in the distance. The overall atmosphere is serene and peaceful.

Scrambled

Connected

Recap

UNCERTAINTY, CHAOS, AND LUCK—
WHY SOME THRIVE DESPITE THEM ALL

GREAT BY CHOICE

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“Greatness is not a
function of
circumstance.
Greatness, it turns out,
is largely a matter of
conscious **choice**, and
discipline.”

James C. Collins

Recap

Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked,
“Teacher, what **good** thing must I **do** to **get**
eternal life?” **Matthew 19:16**

Recap

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve. **John 6:66-67**

Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.” **vs 68-69**

Recap

Every “**what**” in your life needs to change to a
“**who**”? JC (Jim Collins not Jesus)

A photograph of a gravel path winding through a dense bamboo forest. The path is made of light-colored gravel and leads into the distance, flanked by tall, slender bamboo stalks. The lighting is soft, creating a serene atmosphere. The text "What if you took your life and laid it down before Jesus?" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font in the center of the image.

**What if you took your life and laid it
down before Jesus?**

Week 1

Your schedule is not your itinerary for the week, it's your values statement for your life

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not **hate** father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. **Luke 14:25-27**

Week 2

Life has become dissatisfying, the prolonged chase after the “fictitious” exciting thing

And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not **worry** about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. **Luke 12:29-31**

Week 3

Every “**what**” in your life needs to change to a “**who**”? JC (Jim Collins not Jesus)

“**One thing** you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

A photograph of a narrow, gravel path winding through a dense bamboo forest. The path is flanked by tall, slender bamboo stalks that create a natural archway overhead. The ground is covered in dry, brownish grass and fallen bamboo leaves. The lighting is soft, filtering through the canopy.

**You always have the time/resources to do
what you want**

**Our decisions, our lives, our focus are
becoming more and more wrapped around
our pleasures**

And we never deny ourselves

John 15

John 14:15-31 is the promise of the Holy Spirit

Whoever has my **commands** and **keeps them** is the one who **loves** me. **vs 21**

Anyone who **loves** me will **obey** my **teaching** **vs 23**

John 15

I am the **true** vine, and my Father is the
gardener. **vs 1**

Alethinos

a opposite to what is fictitious, counterfeit,
imaginary, simulated or pretended
b it contrasts realities with their semblances
c opposite to what is imperfect defective, frail,
uncertain

Discoverable

John 15

He **cuts** off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he **prunes** so that it will be even more fruitful. **vs 2**

Both will feel the cut. The first once and the second (the faithful) constantly

...but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. **Hebrews 12:10-11**

John 15

Remain in me, as I also remain in you. **No branch** can bear fruit by **itself**; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. **vs 4**

You don't grow in isolation and you don't grow as a lifelong visitor (the sampler)

John 15

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do **nothing**.” vs 5

For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

Mark 8:35-37

soul exchange

John 15

If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. **vs 6**

He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.

Matthew 13:37-40

John 15

This is to my **Father's glory**, that you bear much fruit, **showing yourselves** to be my disciples. **vs 8**

The fruit is both the glory of the Father and the mark of a disciple

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**I have held many things in my hands, and I
have lost them all; but whatever I have
placed in God's hands, that I still possess.**

Martin Luther