



Mark:
**Just
Jesus**

**The
Crucified Life**

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Mark 8:27

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi.



Mark 8:31

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

Mark 8:34

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said:

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.



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So what IS the Crucified Life?

Mark 8:34b

³⁴“Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny themselves** and **take up their cross** and follow me.”

The crucified life is saying “no” to whatever keeps me from saying “yes” to Jesus.

So what IS the Crucified Life?

Saying NO to the HAPPINESS myth

Mark 8:35

³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

“According to *Psychology Today*, in 2000, the number of books published about happiness was a modest fifty. In 2008, that number had skyrocketed to 4,000....

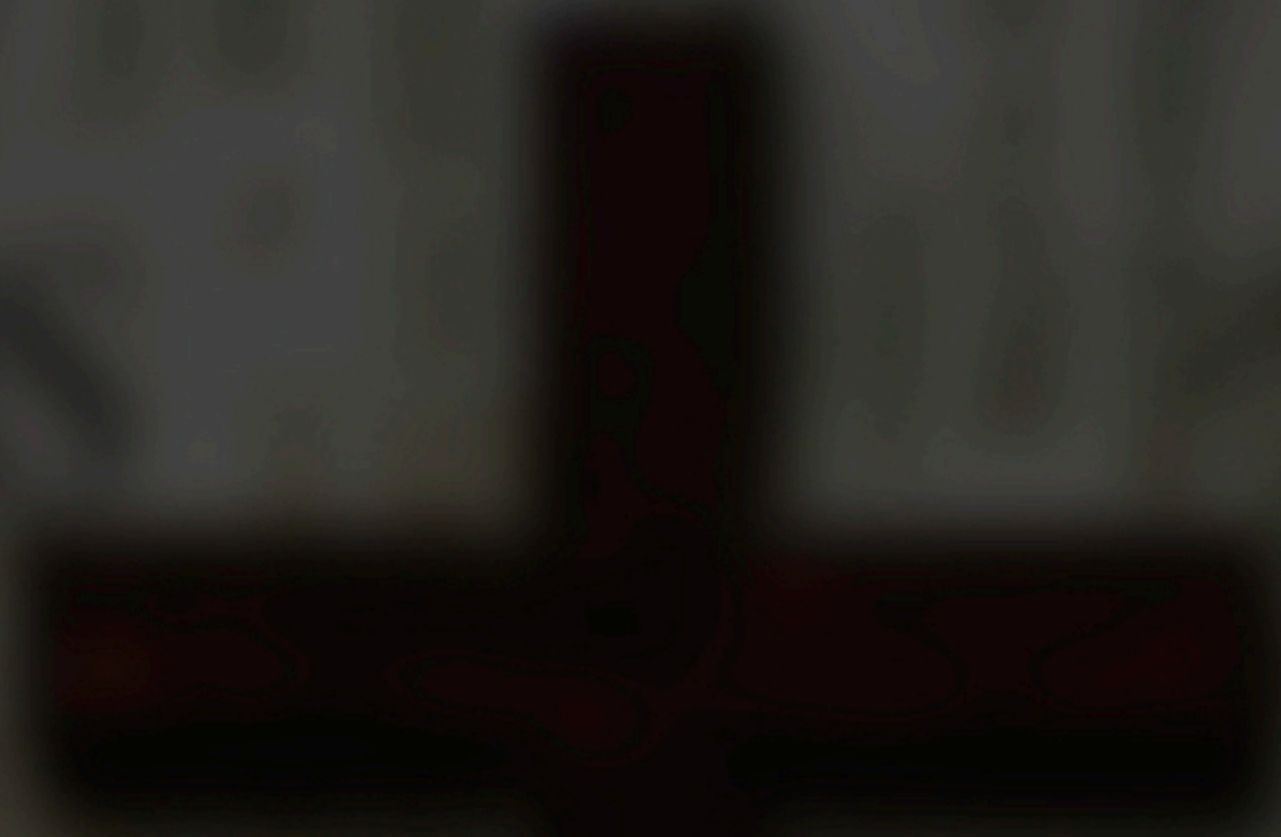
Emily Esfahani Smith
The Power of Meaning (Crown, 2017)

And yet, there is a major problem with the happiness frenzy: it has failed to deliver on its promise. Though the happiness industry continues to grow, as a society, we're more miserable than ever. Indeed, social scientists have uncovered a sad irony—chasing happiness actually makes people unhappy.”

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“I can say that I never knew what joy was like until I gave up pursuing happiness....For [this] I am beholden to Jesus.”

Malcom Muggeridge
British journalist, writer, and Christian apologist

So what IS the Crucified Life?

Saying NO to the HAPPINESS myth

Saying NO to the WORLDLINESS myth

Mark 8:36-38

³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

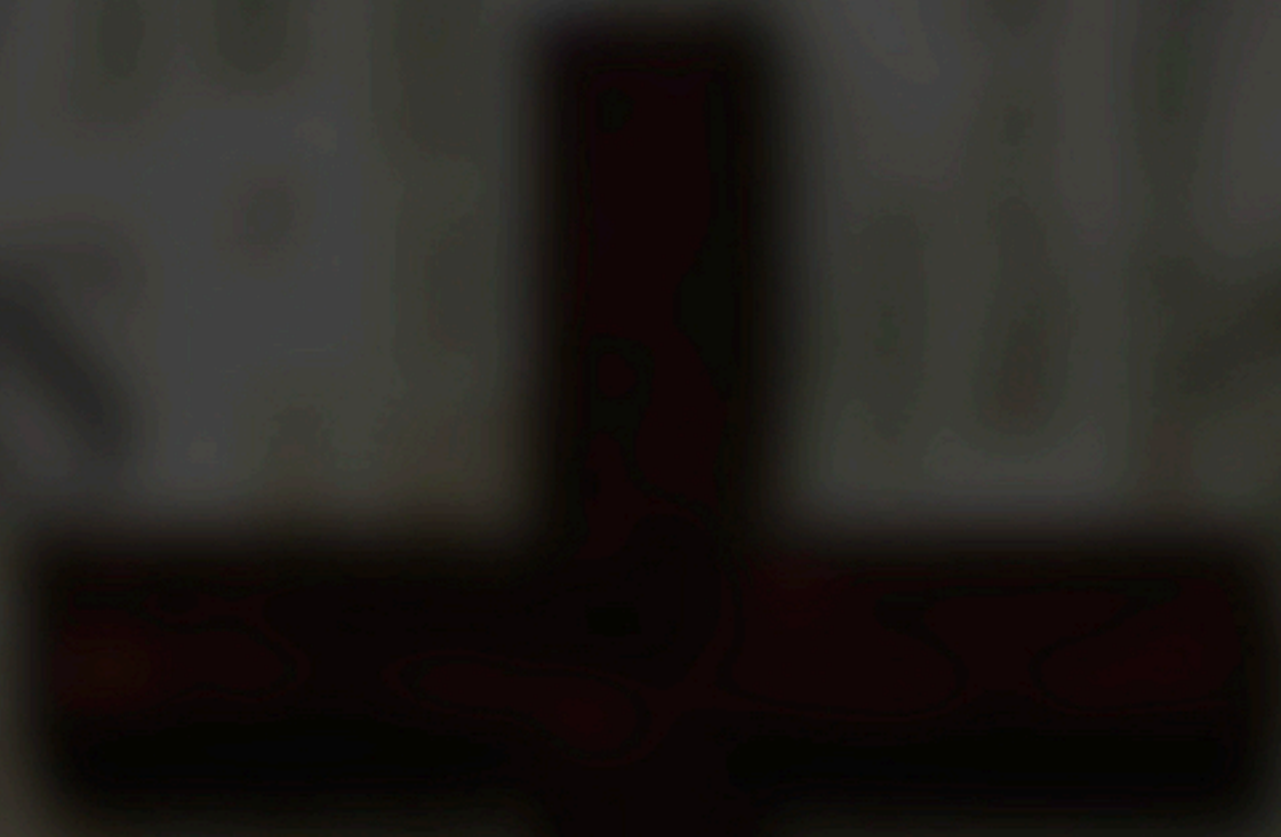
³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

1 John 2:15b-17

¹⁵If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.

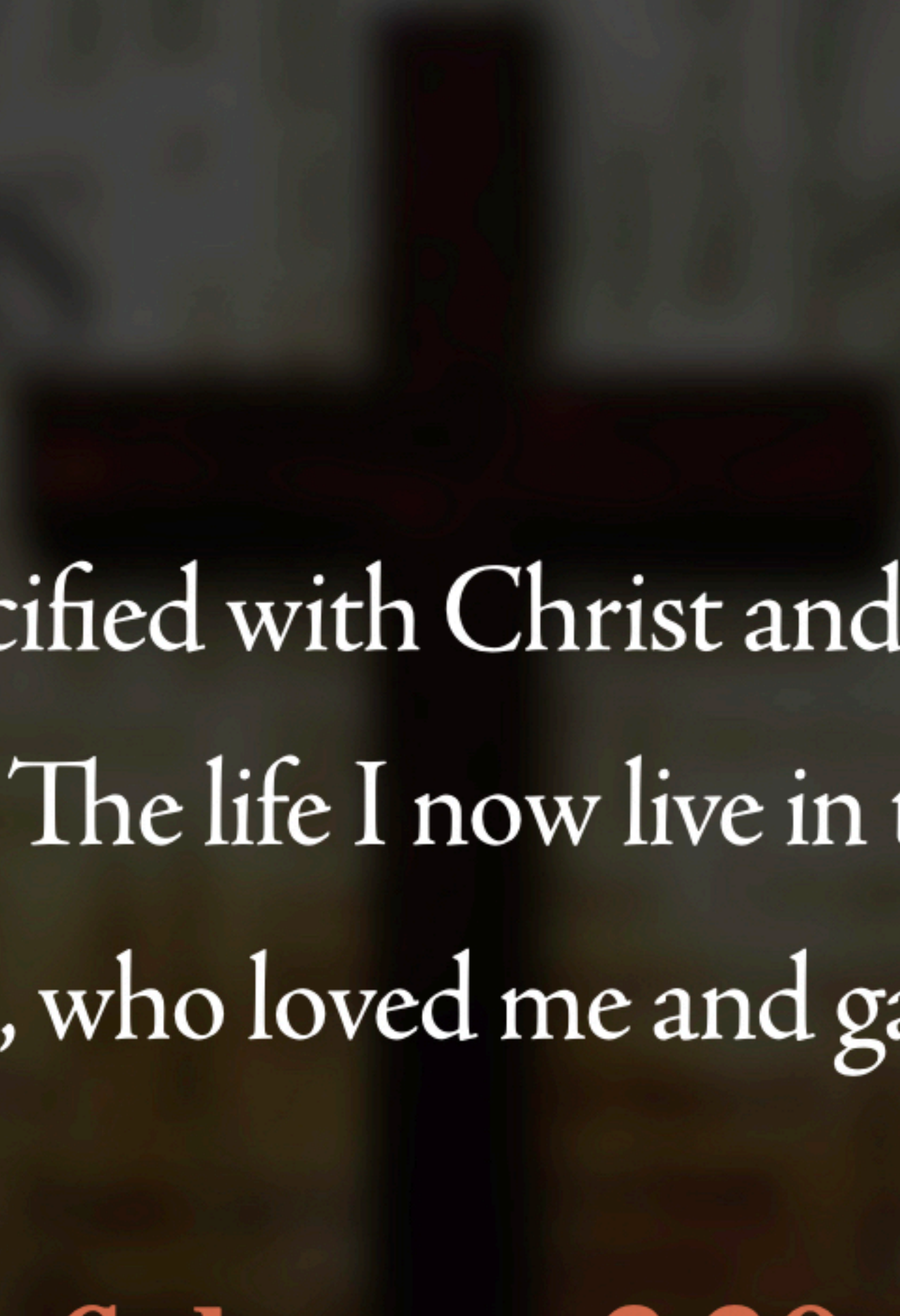
¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.

¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.



May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Galatians 6:14



I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live,
but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith
in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20