

CROSS CHURCH



APRIL 11-12, 2026
**SURRENDERING
SHADOWS - PART 1:
ACHIEVEMENT**

ROMANS 12:3 ...Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment...

ECCLESIASTES 1:1-2 The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem: "Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless."

ECCLESIASTES 1:12-14 I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

MATTHEW 16:26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

THE SHADOW OF SIGNIFICANCE:

1. The Search.

ECCLESIASTES 2:4-11 I undertook great projects: I built houses for myself and planted vineyards. I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit trees in them. I made reservoirs to water groves of flourishing trees. I bought male and female slaves and had other slaves who were born in my house. I also owned more herds and flocks than anyone in Jerusalem before me. I amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I acquired male and female singers, and a harem as well – the delights of a man's heart. I became greater by far than anyone in Jerusalem before me. In all this my wisdom stayed with me. I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my labor, and this was the reward for all my toil. Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun.

PROVERBS 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

2. The Shift.

1 KINGS 10:9 Praise be to the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on the throne of Israel. Because of the Lord's eternal love for Israel, he has made you king to maintain justice and righteousness."

1 KINGS 11:4 As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been.

3. The Separation.

QUESTIONS TO GET IN FOCUS:

- **What is driving the shadow?**
ECCLESIASTES 5:10, ECCLESIASTES 6:7
- **What is your shadow costing you and the people around you?**
- **How can you surrender it?**

TABLE TALK:

Take the time for intentional conversations and questions with your friends and family based on this weekend's message!

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What is the Holy Spirit speaking to me today, and how can I apply it?

DIVE NIGHT
7TH - 12TH GRADE
WEDNESDAY AT 7PM

**CROSSWALK
CLASSES**
SUNDAY AT 10:15AM

**FREEDOM
CONFERENCE**
APRIL 17-18

**WATER
BAPTISMS**
MAY 02-03

**NATIONAL DAY
OF PRAYER**
MAY 07

**MOTHER'S DAY
PHOTOS**
MAY 09-10

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