

## Plot Twist

### Part 2: How To Not Lose It

The title of this series is “Plot Twist.” What were some of the rejected titles of this series?  
[The Upside Down, Living Downside Up, Falling Up, Bottoms Up.]

Jim said the idea behind the series is to highlight the disparity between the values of the Kingdom of Heaven and the values that are common in the fallen world we live in. With that in mind, what are some other titles that might work for this series?

How are the values of the Kingdom of Heaven different from the values of this world? What are some examples?

READ: *“If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.” Matthew 16:25 (NLT)*

What are some things in our lives that we try to hang on to and not submit to God?

READ: *“Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” Matthew 6:19–21 (NLT)*

What are some *immaterial* things do you treasure?

What does Jesus mean when he tells us not to store up our treasure on earth?

Why should we not “bank on” our treasure on earth?

Fill in this sentence: “Whatever we \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ winds up keeping us from God, but whatever we \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ winds up being \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.”

What are some symptoms we experience when we refuse to give something to God?  
[Fear, anxiety, guilt, bitternesses, resentment, anger, shame, depression, hopelessness...]

How does giving up something to God relieve those symptoms? Give an example.

What example did Pastor Jim use of someone who refused to surrender and it resulted in great destruction. Can you give other examples, perhaps from your day-to-day life?

God promised Abraham that he would be the father of a great nation. Why did God wait so long to give Abraham and Sarah a son? What can that teach us today?

Why did God ask Abraham to sacrifice his son?

Complete the sentence: He is no fool who would \_\_\_\_\_ what he cannot \_\_\_\_\_ in order to \_\_\_\_\_ what he cannot \_\_\_\_\_.

What are some things that we commonly have a difficult time surrendering to God?

What does God promise to do if we surrender them to Him?