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**Sermon Title: The Fatal Exchange**

**Speaker: Dan Yacoviello**

**Scripture text(s): Mark 8: 31-38**

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- 1) Dan called it a "fatal exchange" to give up obedience to Christ for a life of ease and comfort. What will you give in exchange for your soul? Discuss this question in light of what we are tempted to exchange.
- 2) Dan stated that self-denial and cross-bearing is born out of faith. Discuss the results of trying in our own strength to deny ourselves and bear our cross.
- 3) How have you seen in your own life the deception of Satan in order to keep you from seeing the dangers of sin and gratifying our sinful pleasures? Discuss the lies he tells us to deceive us.
- 4) Dan defined denying yourself as completely severing the relationship with whatever keeps you from Christ. What does this look like in everyday life?
- 5) How do you put the will of God above your own will? What are obstacles to this and how can you overcome them?
- 6) Dan asked the question, "Which life do you want to save--your earthly life or your soul?"
- 7) Consider the value of your soul. Discuss how understanding this value will change your perspective on yourself, others, and your relationship with God.
- 8) Consider your eternity. How will it be determined and affected by your life here on earth?