

Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

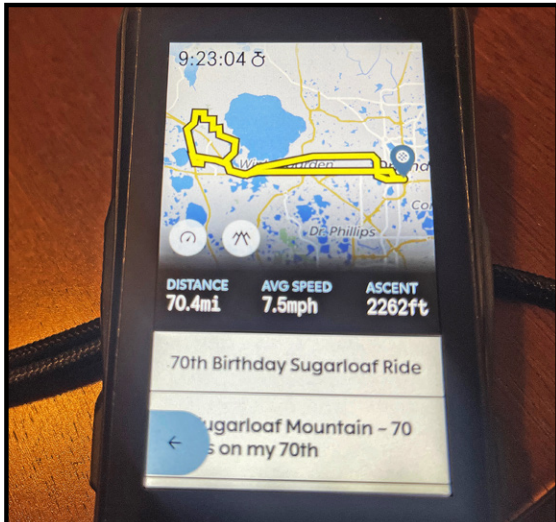
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[Jesus] "You search the Scriptures, because you think you will find eternal life in them. The Scriptures bear witness about ME, but you refuse to come to Me for eternal life."

– John 5:39-40 CEV / ESV

Searching [part 1]



Matthew 10:38-39 ERV

"Those who will not accept the cross that is given to them when they follow Me are not worthy of Me. Those who try to **keep** the life they have will **lose** it. But those who give up their life for Me will **find** true life."

Luke 17:33 NLT

"If you **cling** to your life, you will lose it, and if you let your life go, you will **save** it."

Matthew 7:7-8 NLT+

"Keep on **asking**, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on **searching**, and you will find. Keep on **knocking**, and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks, receives. **Everyone** who seeks, finds. And the door is opened, to everyone who knocks."

Luke 12:2-3 ERV

[Jesus, warning about the Pharisees] "Everything that is hidden will be shown, and everything that is **secret** will be made known. What you say in the dark will be told in the light. And what you **whisper** in a private room will be shouted from the top of the house."

Mark 4:22 NLT / AMP [see also Luke 8:17]

[Jesus to His followers, about parables] "For everything that is **hidden** will eventually be brought into the open, and every secret will be brought to light [that is, things are hidden only **temporarily**, until the appropriate time comes for them to be known]."

Deuteronomy 29:29 ERV / NLT

There are some things that the Lord our God has kept **secret**. We are **not** accountable for those things, but we and our children ARE accountable forever for all that He HAS **revealed** to us, so that we may obey all the terms of these instructions.

1 John 5:14-15 ERV

We can come to God with no **doubts**. This means that when we ask God for things (*and those things agree with what God wants for us*), God cares about what we say. He listens to us **every** time we ask Him. So we know that He gives us **whatever** we ask from Him.

Luke 15:8-10 ERV

"Suppose a woman has ten silver coins [drachma, about a **day's** wage], but she loses one of them. She will take a light and clean the house. She will look carefully for the coin until she finds it. And when she finds it, she will **call** her friends and neighbors and say to them, 'Be **happy** with me because I have found the coin that I lost!' In the same way, it's a happy time for the **angels** of God when one sinner decides to change."

[Evangelism (Luke) vs Restoration (Matthew)]

Deuteronomy 30:3 MSG

God, your God, will **restore** everything you **lost**; He'll have compassion on you; He'll come back and pick up the pieces from all the places where you were scattered.

