

# **The Thrill of Defeat and the Agony of Victory**

Matthew 16:24-26

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- In 1978, ABC Sports introduced an opening to their broadcast that was transcendent.
- I can still hear the legendary broadcaster, Jim McKay's voice saying.....
- Yesterday, we played flag football and after sitting and watching several games, many parents would have thrilled at a defeat, inasmuch as they agonized over the victory.

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- Our text indicates that victory in the eyes of the world can spell disaster spiritually.
- Today, I want to look at several examples where there was a thrill in worldly loss.
- Hopefully, this will help us to love the things of this world less and put our focus squarely on spiritual things.

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- Text #1- Acts 5:17-42.
- Text #2- II Corinthians 4:7-12, 16-18
- Text #3- Hebrews 11:24-26
- Text #4- Hebrews 12:2