



Finishing the Story

Pt. 4: Who's On First?

By Louie Marsh, 9-27-2026

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“¹⁹Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:19–21, ESV)

“³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33, ESV)

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Then in his joy he goes... went and sold...

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- It costs me _____.

“¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1–2, ESV)

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