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²⁴"But in those days, following that distress, " the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

²⁶"At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

²⁸"Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ²⁹Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁰I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. (Mark 13:24-31, NIV)

Ideas _____. False ideas are _____!

²²For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and miracles to deceive the elect—if that were possible. ²³So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time. (Mark 13:22-23, NIV)

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. (Colossians 2:8, NIV)

³⁰I tell you the truth... (v. 30)

Notes _____

1. Because ideas _____, Jesus doesn't want me to build my life on wrong _____.

_____ doesn't matter. Yet we live in a world filled with _____ ideas.

¹⁶Better a little with the fear of the LORD than great wealth with turmoil. ¹⁷Better a meal of vegetables where there is love than a fattened calf with hatred. (Proverbs 15:16-17, NIV)

³¹So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:31-33, NIV)

³¹Heaven and earth will pass away... (v. 31)

Notes _____

1. Because _____ doesn't really matter, Jesus doesn't want me to build my life around material things.

I _____ to God. My neighbor _____ to God.

³⁵"The Scripture cannot be broken. (John 10:35, NIV)

¹⁹God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? (Numbers 23:19, NIV)

⁴¹"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:41-42, NIV)

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Notes _____

2. Because I matter to God, he directs my eyes to the one thing _____ and _____.

My next steps in the "Cross-Walk":

- Create a stop-caring list. According to God's ideas and priorities, what do you need to stop caring so much about?
- Do a "gap analysis." Where are your knowledge gaps? In what areas of your life do you need to know more about God's ideas?
- Meditate on and memorize Mark 13:31.