

“Win, Lose, or Draw?”

Matthew 16:26

Confirmation Sunday 2009

INTRODUCTION: *“Sporting events, card games, & competitions:
win, lose, or draw”*

I. IN OUR LIVES, WILL IT BE WIN, LOSE, OR DRAW?

- A. Today is a good day to ask: *What is most important?*
- B. The goals and choices we make set our life’s stage
- C. Matthew 16:26 asks: **Will you win, lose or draw?**
- D. The person who “plays for safety” & follows the crowd, **loses** life (Just ask my classmates-Debbie, Jeff, Steve)
- E. *Wahlstrom and his “wheels, lights & bells”*
- F. Teens: North America’s highest suicide age group
(next highest: retired men)

II. IN OUR LIVES, “BREAKING EVEN” IS NOT ENOUGH

- A. The person who “plays for a ‘draw’” still **loses**
- B. Just ask my classmate - Wally
- C. Matthew 16:26 says to **draw** is to **lose**

III. IN OUR LIVES, THE PERSON WHO DOES NOT PLAY FOR ‘SAFETY’, OR PLAY TO ‘DRAW’, BUT RISKS ALL IN JESUS... **WINS!**

- A. What is it that Matthew 16:26 is telling us??
- B. Jesus says the same thing in John 10:10
- C. And again, in John 14:6
- D. Just ask my classmate- Gail... she **won!**
- E. What do we find in Matthew 16:25, just before v.26?

CONCLUSION: *“Wrong way Roy Riegels”*