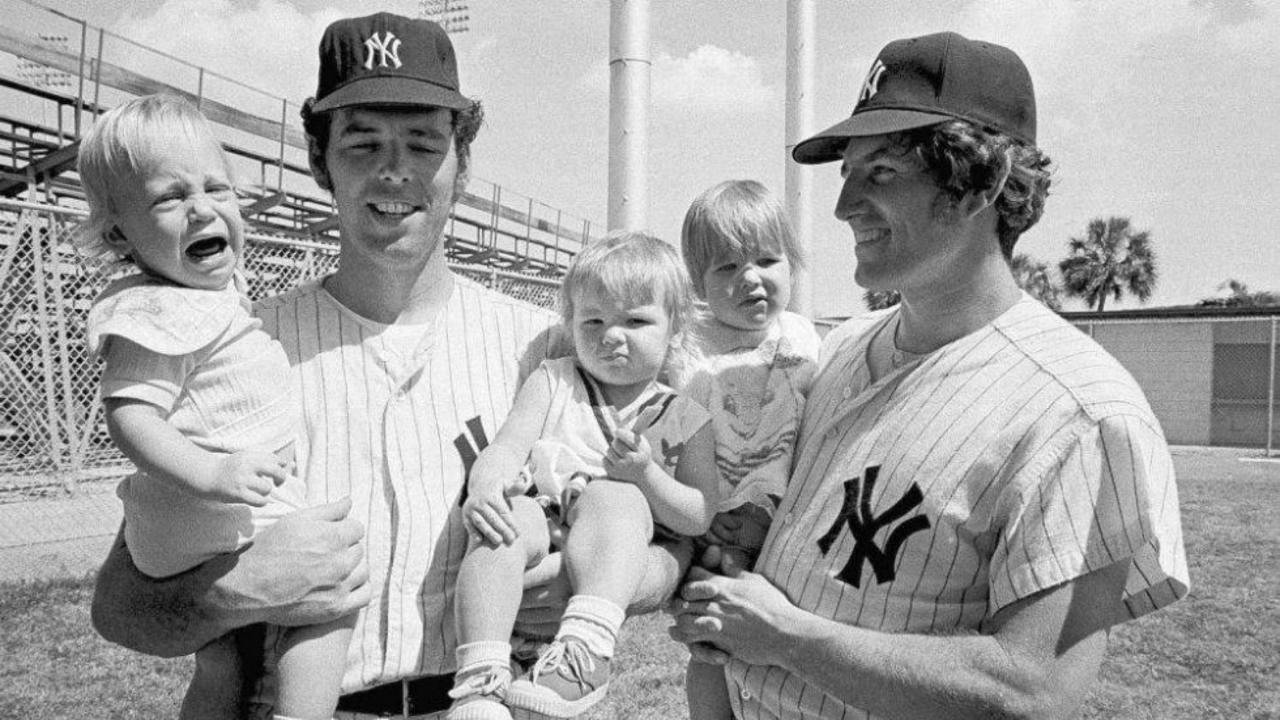


"By American standards, I had a good marriage. But I wanted a great marriage. I was idealistic, I guess."

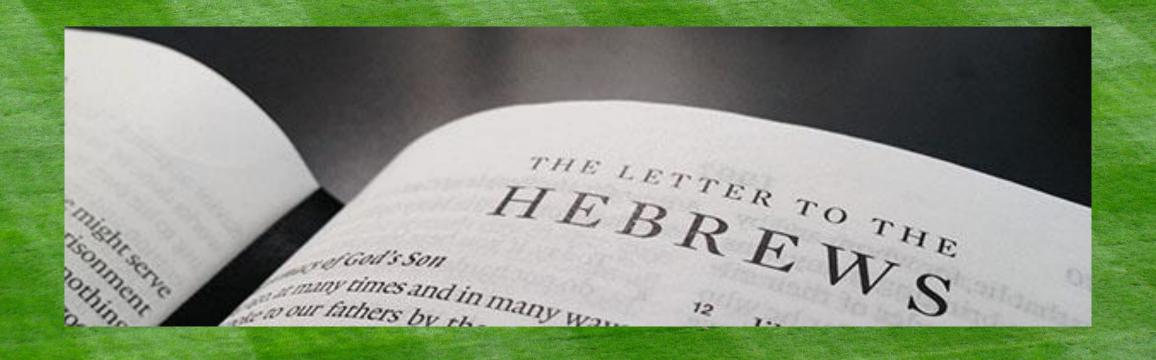
(Mike Kekich, as quoted in the New York *Daily News* article "Two Yankees Pitchers Trade Wife & Kids" from March 6, 1973)





Hebrews 4:11-16 (ESV): "Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account...."

"...14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."



Uhat You're Made Ho. John 6:40 (ESV): "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the

Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

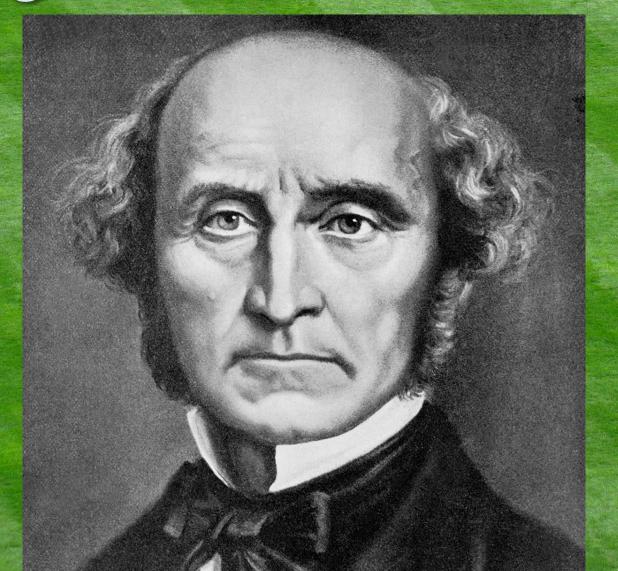
Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV): "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

John 1:14 (ESV): "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

1 Corinthians 6:19 (ESV): "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you."

Luke 10:27 (ESV): "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind."

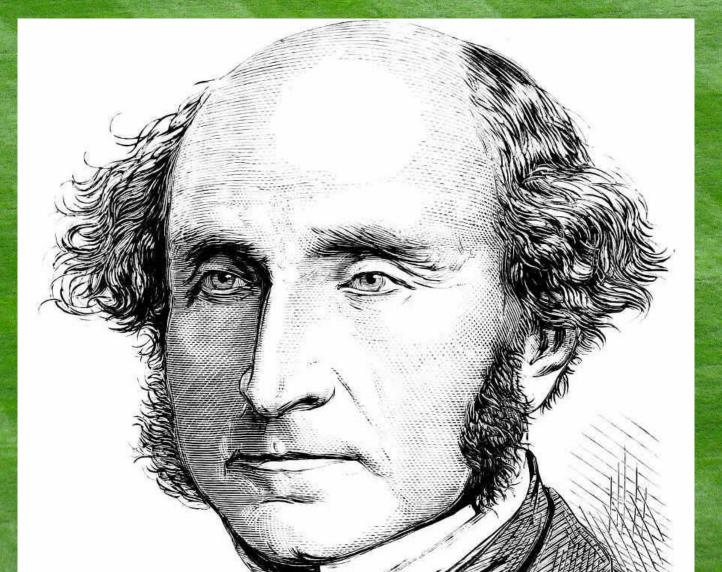




"In this frame of mind it occurred to me to put the question directly to myself: 'Suppose that all your objects in life were realized; that all the changes in institutions and opinions which you are looking forward to, could be completely effected at this very instant: would this be a great joy and happiness to you?' And an irrepressible selfconsciousness distinctly answered, 'No!'..."

"...At this my heart sank within me: the whole foundation on which my life was constructed fell down. All my happiness was to have been found in the continual pursuit of this end. The end had ceased to charm, and how could there ever again be any interest in the means? I seemed to have nothing left to live for."

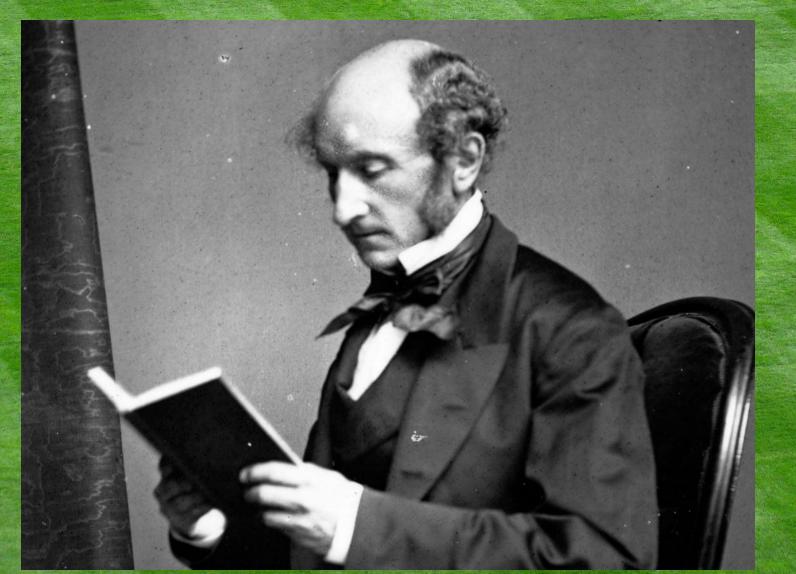
(From John Stuart Mill's Autobiography)





Uhat You're Made Ho. 1 John 3:19-20 (ESV): "By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; 20 for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything."

Hebrews 10:21-22 (ESV): "Since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water."



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"But I now thought that this end [one's happiness] was only to be attained by not making it the direct end. Those only are happy...who have their minds fixed on some object other than their own happiness....Aiming thus at something else, they find happiness along the way....Ask yourself whether you are happy, and you cease to be so."

(From John Stuart Mill's Autobiography)

Application ... YOU CAN'T ACHIEVE YOUR SERENITY; JUST BELIEVE YOUR IDENTITY.

Hebrews 11:6 (ESV): "Without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."

Ephesians 3:16-19 (ESV): "According to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith - that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."



Next Week: Ecclesiastes 9:1-10

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