

## Against the Grain

Love your life and lose it?  
Hate it and preserve it?  
How to reconcile

cherishing each moment,  
thinking positive,  
being joyful—  
loving life?

I think Jesus was talking  
about the ego,  
the selfish side  
of ourselves;

the greed,  
the love of money  
and power;

I can be joyful  
and love life,  
aware of my responsibility  
to those around me;

the responsibility  
to use my gifts  
not for my own enrichment,  
but to inspire others  
to reach beyond themselves.

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Reflection on John 12:20-33  
Lent Sunday week 5