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Who is YOUR King?!?



The Greatest Battle



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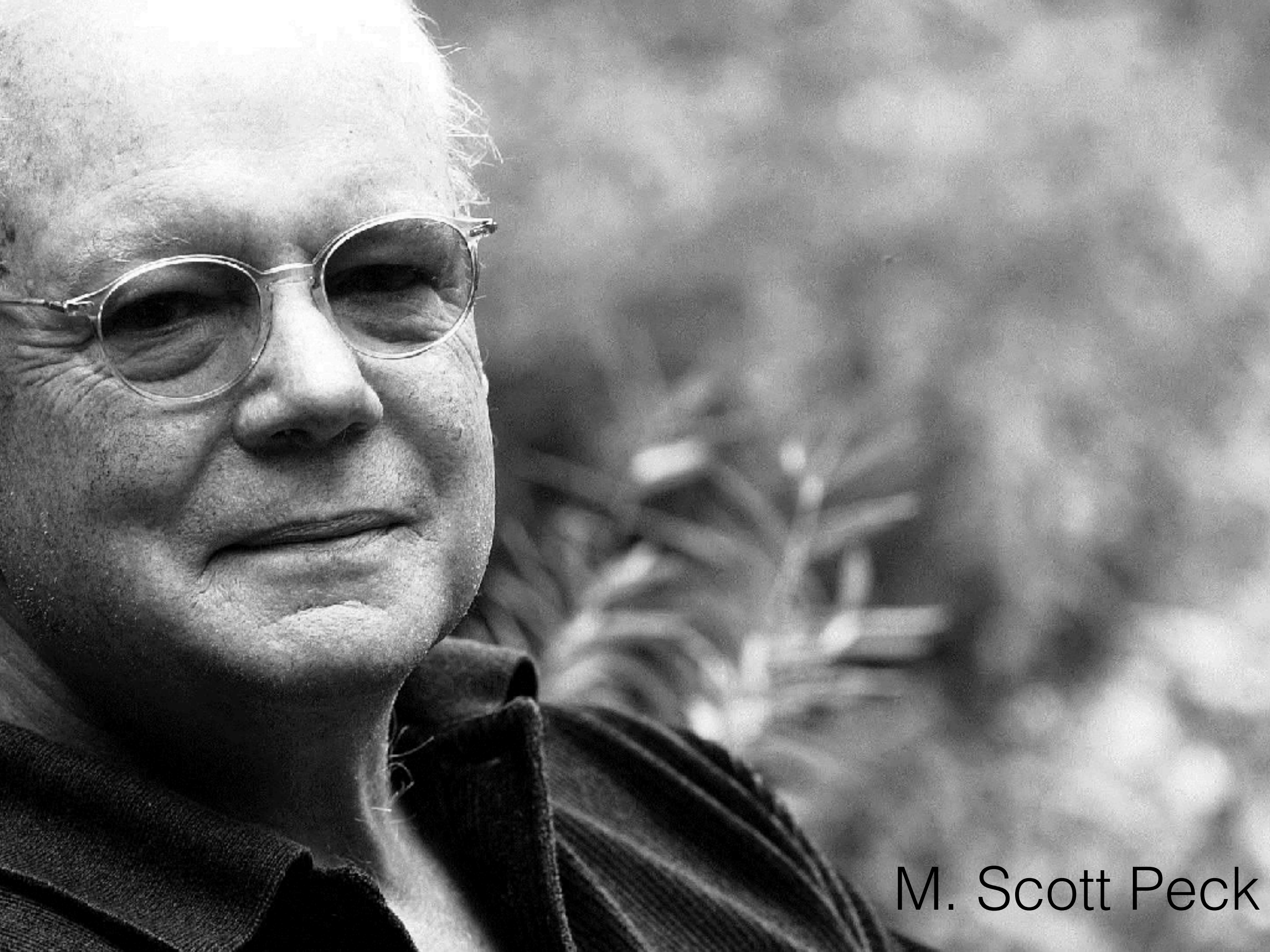
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The whole course of human history may depend on a change of heart in one solitary and even humble individual - for it is in the solitary mind and soul of the individual that the battle between good and evil is waged and ultimately won or lost.

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Matthew 26:31



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before you to Galilee.”

Matthew 26:32



Peter answered and said to Him, “Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble.”

Matthew 26:33



Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.”

Matthew 26:34



Peter said to Him, “Even if I have to die
with You, I will not deny You!”
And so said all the disciples.

Matthew 26:35



Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, “Sit here while I go and pray over there.”

Matthew 26:36



And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.

Matthew 26:37



Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.”

Matthew 26:38



He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”

Matthew 26:39



Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour?”

Matthew 26:40



Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Matthew 26:41



Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.”

Matthew 26:42



And He came and found them asleep
again, for their eyes were heavy.

Matthew 26:43



So He left them, went away again, and
prayed the third time, saying the same
words.

Matthew 26:44



Then He came to His disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Matthew 26:45



Rise, let us be going.
See, My betrayer is at hand.”

Matthew 26:46





3 keys to victory



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3 keys to victory



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1. Self-suspicion



**“Even if all are made to stumble
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Matthew 26:33b



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- **Comparing others to myself**

Therefore you shall be perfect, just as
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Matthew 5:48

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But, as He who called you *is* holy, you
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Let this mind be in you which was also
in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:5



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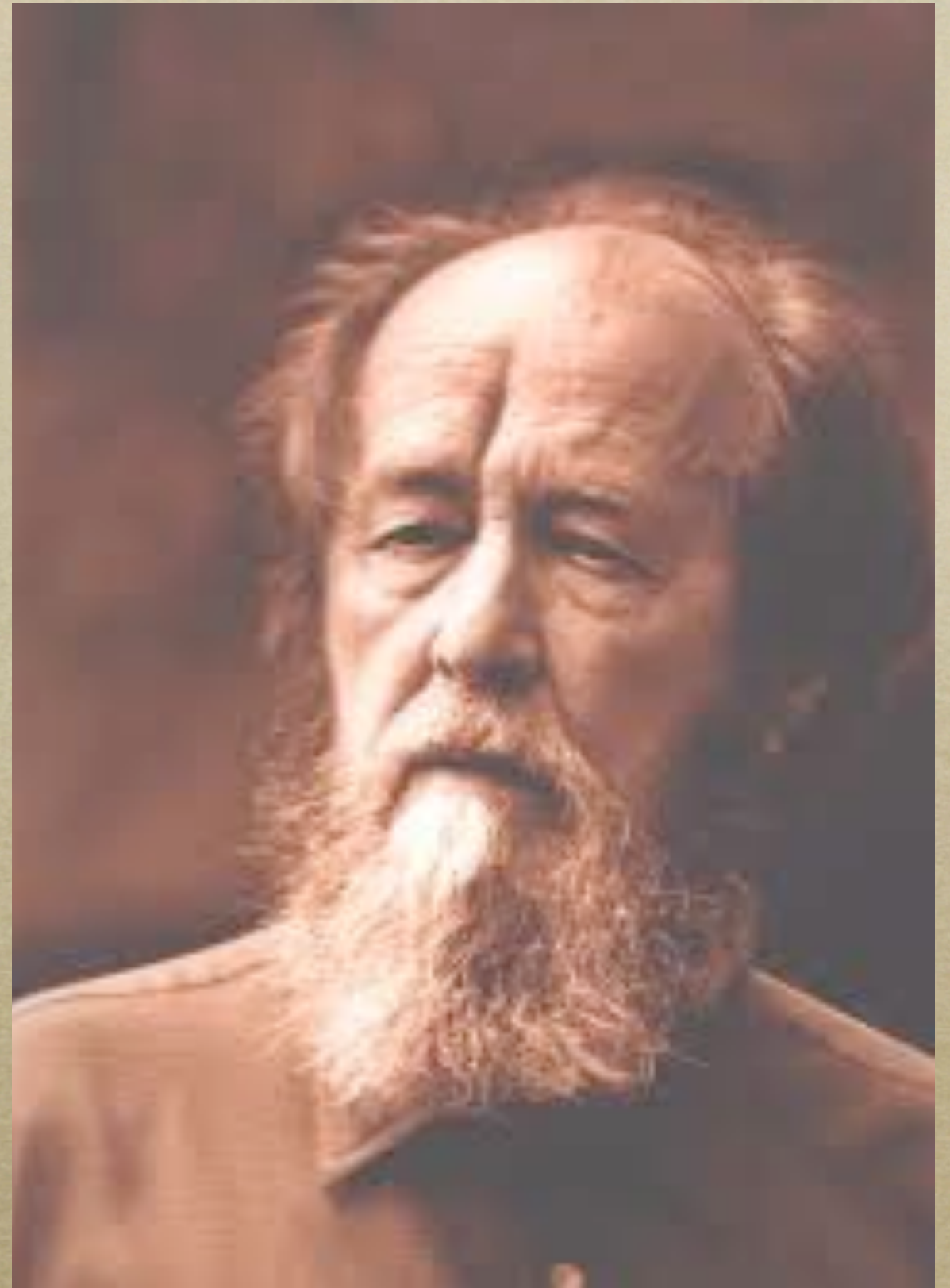
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"The line
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Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn



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- **Example**



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Matthew 26:24a, 31b



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“The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him . . .”

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But all this was done that the
Scriptures of the prophets might be
fulfilled. Then all the disciples
forsook Him and fled.

Matthew 26:56a



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2. Truth-immersion



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- **Example: Jesus immersed Himself in the Scriptures**

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- **Exhortation**



How can a young man cleanse his way?

Psalms 119:9-11



How can a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed according to Your word.

Psalms 119:9-11



How can a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed according to Your word.
With my whole heart I have sought You;
Oh, let me not wander from Your
commandments! Your word I have hidden
in my heart, that I might not sin against
You.

Psalms 119:9-11



Therefore

take up the whole armor of God, that
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Ephesians 6:13



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- **Exhortation: Know the Bible!**



And take . . . the sword of the Spirit,
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supplication in the Spirit, being
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Ephesians 6:17-18



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Watch and pray, lest you enter into
temptation.

Matthew 26:41a



And do not lead us into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

Matthew 6:13a



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3. Passionate prayer



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- **Vigilant**



Watch therefore, for you know
neither the day nor the hour in which
the Son of Man is coming.

Matthew 25:13



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Matthew 26:41a



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Matthew 26:41a



Stay here and watch with Me!

Matthew 26:38b



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For where two or three are
gathered together in My name, I am
there in the midst of them.

Matthew 18:20



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