



## WOW: Word Of the Week

### Quest

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What is your quest? What is THE goal of your life? Many have heard, can recite, at least some of the words of the song, "The Impossible Dream" (see below).

To dream the impossible dream, / To fight the unbeatable foe  
To bear with unbearable sorrow, / To run where the brave dare not go  
To right the un-rightable wrong, / To love pure and chaste from afar  
To try when your arms are too weary, / To reach the unreachable star  
**This is my quest,** / To follow that star / No matter how hopeless, / No matter how far.  
And I know if I'll only be true / **To this glorious quest** / That my heart will lie peaceful and calm / When I'm laid to my rest

Quest. A long search for something difficult to find, an effort to do something difficult, achieve a difficult goal. I like a Bible study series entitled, "Quest for Truth." Contact me if you would like details, online access. By definition, a quest is not easy. The way the Bible describes following Jesus qualifies it as a quest!

May I speak frankly? If we think following Jesus is easy, normal, automatic, we have spent too little time with God's Word. Jesus' own words. Carrying crosses, giving our lives, denying self. Things I want to do, but I cannot – not moral questions, I don't have time! Things I would like to experience, but my first commitment is to sharing Good News. Things I would like to have, and most everyone else has them, but the Jesus-following-life is a life of self-denial. Too extreme? Too severe? But this is Jesus' version of discipleship, stewardship.

What is the quest of your life? Truth? Jesus? Way, truth, life? Abundant life?

I am not asking you to answer, I am suggesting you pray about priorities, our richness, our resources, our possibilities, our luxury. I am asking you to ask yourself (and God) what it means to seek first the Kingdom and righteousness.

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To follow that star  
No matter how hopeless,  
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To fight for the right  
Without question or pause,  
To be willing to march  
Into hell for a heavenly cause.  
And I know if I'll only be true  
To this glorious quest  
That my heart will lie peaceful and calm  
When I'm laid to my rest  
And the world will be better for this  
And one man, sore and covered with scars  
Still strove with his last ounce of courage  
To fight the unbeatable foe  
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*[Music by Mitch Leigh, lyrics by Joe Darion]*