



Series: Living Life Backward

Sermon: Part 5: Live Like You Were Dying

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It is in these times that we realize that the control we thought we had over life was actually just self deception and an _____.

When a person has free will and has everything that they want, they can soon make choices without God because they feel as though God is not needed.

Without God in our life, all we do and have worked for doesn't matter, but with God in our life, how we live matters and the kind of person we become matters.

Looking at death can help us to evaluate the way that we are currently living and it can _____ us how we should actually be living our lives.

A good name is better than fine perfume, and the day of death better than the day of birth. (Ecclesiastes 7:1)

For followers of Jesus, death is our faith becoming sight as we spend eternity with God and experience all that God has for us.

It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of pleasure. It is better to heed the rebuke of a wise person than to listen to the song of fools. (Ecclesiastes 7:2,4-5)

Solomon is saying that when you do that, you are listening to the songs of _____ because they see all your blind spots and faults and they just smile at you and tell you that you are okay.

A person who is willing to look at the reality of death is a person who will develop depth; depth of _____ and depth of _____.

5 Questions To Reflect On As We Begin To Live In Light Of The End:

1. How will you start living for the eternal?



Surrender means we don't manipulate or control anymore in order to get what we want, because we _____ that God will take care of every detail of our life.

2. How will you work towards changing your character?

“What’s it like to be on the other side of me?”

3. How will you work towards changing your relationships?

Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. (Colossians 3:12-14)

4. How will you work towards changing how you use your resources?

5. What will you want to try?

Bottom Line: *A person who is willing to look at the reality of death is a person who will develop depth; depth of soul and depth of character.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

1. Why is it that control is actually self deception and an illusion?
2. Do you have people in your life that can be honest with you and tell you what you need to hear instead of what you want to hear?
3. If you knew you had one month to live, how would you live differently?
4. “If your life represents a car, then where is Jesus in relation to the car?” (The trunk? The back seat? The front passenger seat? As chief navigator with you in the front seat?)

Songs used in service: Graves Into Gardens (Elevation Worship), Death Was Arrested (North Point Worship), Revelation Song (Kari Jobe), Trust It All (North Point Worship)

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Any prayer requests?

Name: _____ **Email (so we can follow up):** _____

What can we be praying for you about?