Finish Well

Stages of Life – Part 5

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John 3:16 (ESV) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Psalm 90:12 (ESV) So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

2 Timothy 4:7 (ESV) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

2 Timothy 4:8 (ESV) Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

3. Have no _____ of death

Psalm 23:4 (ESV) Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death. I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

1. We _____ to the Lord

John 11:25 (ESV) Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

John 11:26 (ESV) and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Romans 14:8 (ESV) For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

2. Fight the good _____

2 Timothy 4:6 (ESV) For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

1 Corinthians 15:55 (ESV) "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

1 Corinthians 15:57 (ESV) But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Action Plan for This Week

□ Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

□ Invite a friend to attend the service next week.

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- Intro. How do most people approach the topic of death?
- Intro. In what ways does the promise of John 3:16 give great hope to believers?
- Intro. Explain what the phrase "number our days" means in Psalm 90:12.
- 1A. How should a Christian view death (John 11:25)?
- 1B. What did Jesus tell Martha regarding His authority over life and death in John 11:25-26?
- 1C. How can we honor the Lord in our death (Romans 14:8)?
- 1D. In what ways is it encouraging the God sets the number of our days?

- 2A. How do you think that Paul knew that the time of his death was near (2 Timothy 4:6)?
- 2B. What challenges did Paul face in fighting the "good fight" (2 Timothy 4:7)?
- 2C. What does it mean to "love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:8)?
- 2D. In what challenges you are facing in your life is God helping you fight the good fight?
- 3A. What does the Scripture mean when it refers to the "valley of the shadow of death" (Psalm 23:4)?
- 3B. What is the victory of death and the sting of death that have been removed for the believer (1 Corinthians 15:55)?
- 3C. What does 1 Corinthians 15:57 teach about the Christian perspective on death?
- 3D. What are some ways that a believer can look forward to their passing with thanksgiving?