



# LIFE

What is Life?

WEEKEND OF MARCH

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2019

- **"What's life?"**
- **> "A magazine."**
- **> "Where'd you get it?"**
- **> "Drugstore."**
- **> "What's it cost?"**
- **> "A dime."**
- **> "Only got a nickel."**
- **> "That's life."**

**Cynical witticism to say life  
can be tough, you can't  
always get what you want,  
with what you have!**

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  - Not to entertain, amuse or tickle you...
  - Not to fill you up with information...
  - But to get you ready/push you toward the work of your ministry!
  - “And Jesus set some in the church for the maturing of the saints for the work of the ministry...” **Ephesians 4.11,12**

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  - “Reconciled to God in Christ, God has given to us the ministry of reconciliation... we are His ambassadors!” **1Cor 5.18-20**

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  - **Don't want that to sound like, “and now I'm going to bear down...”**
  - **It's been the same mission for 34 years...**
    - **Time is short/fields are huge/ripe!**
    - **“The harvest is plentiful, the laborers few... our sustenance is to do the will of God and finish His work!” **Matt 9/John 4****

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    - **Must lay aside distraction/get focused!**
    - **"Endure hardness, live un-entangled, live lawfully, please Him who has chosen you... Run your race, finish the course, receive your crown!" 2Tim3/4**

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  - **Don't want that to sound like, “and now I'm going to bear down...”**
  - **It's been the same mission for 34 years...**
  - **But it's a different world now, where truth seems harsh to people looking for a participation trophy...**
  - **A pass from effort/sacrifice/temperance!**

# 1 Kings 12.1-14

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- **“And Jeroboam and the northern tribe of Israel came to Rehoboam and said, “Your father, Solomon, made our yoke heavy, make it lighter and we will serve you.” Rehoboam, forsook wise counsel and answered, “If you thought it was rough with my Father, it will be worse with me... He chastened you with whips, but I will use scorpions!”**

- **The word of God ‘chastens’ our flesh...**
- **But what rises to rule over us outside of His reign is much tougher, harder!**
  - **The world, with its worldliness and lusts exacts a high price from us!**
    - **Subjugation without satisfaction!**
    - **Cruelty for demanded compromise!**
    - **Laughter at complaint!**
    - ***Transgenerational slaughter!***

- **“Sets of waves, increasing in size, are on their way... they will wash away the sands that many are trusting to protect them... then there will come a tsunami that will wash away many who are standing on the shores lamenting the loss of their ‘trusted barriers...’ only those moving to high ground and living on the Solid Rock will be safe...”**

**This life can be tough,  
hard, even bad, but  
“real life” is good...**



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**Which is why it makes no  
sense to pursue the life  
that is not real, and not run  
after the life that is!**

# On the approach to real...

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- **You can never approach real life without being able to admit you're wrong about God and His ways! [Will]**
  - **“Your thoughts and ways are higher than mine! I have made my way, ‘my way,’ in gross error, not knowing the word or the power of God, hardening my heart, PROVOKING YOU and PREVENTING ME from entering into Your promised rest!”**  
**Isaiah 55.8 Matthew 22.29 Hebrews 3.10**

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  - “The way of the fool is right in his own eyes, there is a way that seems right to him, but the end of it is the way of death!” **Proverbs 12.15 14.12 16.25**
  - *“But there is a new and living way to go... to draw near to a faithful God with full assurance of faith!”* **Hebrews 10.20-23**

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  - “Don't walk with the wicked on the way of evil men... the path of the just shines with increasing light. The way of the wicked is dark and they stumble over what they can't see. Attend to my words, keep them in your heart, *for they are life and health to those who find them!*” **Proverbs 4.14-22**

**We are not really living if  
we are still asking God to  
bless our way instead of  
living His blessed way!**

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- You can never approach real life without being able to admit you're wrong about God and His ways! [Sustenance]
  - “Take heed and beware of covetousness... life does not consist in the abundance of things I possess. *I have been foolish* in my quest for abundance without thoughts of being rich towards God by it. *I have been wrong* in my pursuit and trust of riches!”  
**Luke 12.15 1Timothy 6.17**

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  - “Woe to those who trust and rely on worldly order for help and might but don't look to the Lord. He will rise against those who do evil and the ones who help them do it. Your helpers are mere men, not God. Their strength is flesh, not Spirit! When He stands, both will fall!” **Isaiah 31.1-3**

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- You can never approach real life without being able to admit you're wrong about God and His ways! [Sustenance]
  - “Don't carry anxious thoughts about sustenance! Your Father cares for all creation and you are the crown! The unsaved live with anxiety. But your Father knows what you have need of so seek first His kingdom and everything you need will be added to you!” **Matthew 6.25-34**

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  - “Little faithers, if God cares for creation won't He care for you? Why are you so fearful of sinking, little faithers? Little faithers, why do you doubt? Don't you understand or remember the fishes and loaves, how I fed so many with so much left over?” **Matthew 6.30 8.26 14.31 16.8**

**It is not “real life” to be  
over-concerned with  
how we’re going to  
make it to the end!**

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  - “All power has been given to Me in heaven and earth. Go therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you, and look, I will be with you to the end of the world!” **Matthew 28.18-20**

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  - “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to everyone. He that believes and is baptized will be saved. These signs will follow those that believe, “In My name they will cast out devils, speak with new tongues, handle serpents, and nothing will harm them; they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover!” **Mark 16.15-18**

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  - “If you love Me, feed My lambs! If you love Me, feed My sheep! If you love me, feed My sheep. Don't be concerned about where the mission will take you! And don't be concerned about what others have been given to do, that's My business, not yours. YOU just follow ME!” **John 21.15-22**

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  - “Now that you have received the promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit, and are endowed with power to accomplish your mission, go and be witnesses of Me; in your own homes, neighborhoods, regions, and all the way to the ends of the earth!” Then He left it to us!” **Luke 24.29 Acts 1.4-8**

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are on the entirely  
wrong mission!**



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