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What is Life?

WEEKEND OF MARCH **31** 2019

- **1st edition: LIFE is hard, ‘any way,’ but...**
 - “There is a way that seems right but it leads to death...” **Proverbs 14.12 16.25**
 - “The simple continue and are punished!”
 - “A narrow way that leads to LIFE...” **Mt7.14**
 - “Few find it...”
 - “Today I set before you life and death... choose LIFE!” **Deuteronomy 30.19**
- ***Only the foolish make life harder than it has to be!***

- **2nd & 3rd: Life is in the Book!**
 - LIFE begins with gathering *information...*
 - LIFE gets personal through *inspiration...*
 - LIFE gets exciting with *incarnation!*
 - “By God’s divine power He has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to glory and virtue!”
2Peter 1.3, 21 Romans 10.17 Col 3.16

- **4th: LIFE is warfare!**
 - **For a nation losing its foundation...**
 - **Truly birthed as a Christian nation!**
 - **“Where there is life there is hope!”**
2Samuel 12 (application)
 - **There are people praying all over the world for the resurgence of America...**
 - **But American’s are going to have to respond to God themselves!**
 - **We have a *national* will!**

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 - **For “self” to maintain mission focus...**
 - **Only succeed with the “mind of Christ!”**
 - **For generations to find their way...**
 - **Get involved in your/our/His kids!**
 - ***For the very souls of mankind!***
 - **The entirety of our mission!**

This edition of...

The logo for LIFE magazine, featuring the word "LIFE" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters on a red rectangular background.

- **Is the 'sourcing' of all the others...**
 - **Will not choose the right pathway...**
 - **Will not spend the time to read and study the word...**
 - **Will not sit long enough...**
 - **Will not dig deep enough...**
 - **Will not move fast enough...**
 - **Will not fight for the souls of mankind...**



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**If we will not lay
down our lives...
*for Jesus sake!***

- **“I WILL lay down my life for His sake...”**
 - **NOT ORIGINAL!**
 - **“Though all others are offended because of You, yet I never will be...”** **Mk 14.26ff**
 - **“Truly I say to you, before the rooster crows in the morning you will deny me three times!”**
 - **“Though I die with you, yet I will not deny You... and they all said the same...”**
- ***They weren't ready when time came!***

**To be fair... they
didn't have much
practice!**

Practice makes Perfect!

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- Practice laying down life in small things, you will be able to do “more/bigger!”
 - “Faithful in little. Faithful in much!”
 - Money version “If you are faithful or unjust in what is least... same in ‘more!’”
 - But *incarnation* fits everything!
 - Faithful to set yourself aside for few loved ones... easier to do it for unloved masses!

Our Model...

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- “I am the door to the sheep... the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy... But I am come to that they might have life... I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd *gives his life for the sheep!* My Father loves me because *I lay down my life so that I might take it again. I lay it down. I have ‘authority’ to lay it down and take it up again, anew.* This is the commandment of my Father!” **John 10.7-18**

Laying down...

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- Was Jesus referring to His own martyrdom and encouraging us to it?
 - If it is, only good for one time!
 - And if it is only for salvation...
 - Jesus did it once for all, and we can't die for the salvation of others... **Rom 9.1-3**
 - So He really couldn't be encouraging all of us to die as martyrs!
 - But he is encouraging us to lay aside the psuche: soulish life, as different from flesh.

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- **Was the act that God loved Him for, dying on the Cross, or, the devotion to His will?**
 - **“I’m laying aside My will, My place, My comfort because of My love for the Father... and He loves Me for it!”**
 - **“And I am taking it up (getting a hold of it) again...”**
 - **The existential parallel to our subterranean life and His is boggling!**

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 - **He picked up His life, and transferred God’s mission, to us!**

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John 15.13
 - While “laying down life” could include, and does... dying for Jesus sake...
 - And someone may come alive from it (Foxe’s Book of Martyrs - dynamic!)
 - Jesus did that once for all of us so it would be an act of faith/love not salvation!

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- The ‘greater love’ is ‘tithemi:’ setting ourselves aside, to wear ourselves no longer, to set forth ourselves to serve... others!

Caveat...



- It doesn't mean we fall into the societal trap of becoming 'people pleasers!'
 - Major movement: 'Stay in your lane bro!'
 - Major movement: kid worshipper's...
 - "Don't deny Me. He that loves anyone more than he loves Me is not worthy of Me! Not even if it's father and mother, son or daughter. The one who won't pick up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me!" **Matthew 10.37-38**

Caveat...



- It doesn't mean we fall into the societal trap of becoming 'people pleasers!'
- It means that because we “know the heart of the Father, we lay down our lives for the sheep!” **John 10.15** (like Jesus!)
 - “We lay aside our will, our place, our comfort because of our love for the Father... *He loves us for it...* and we pick up our “life” again!” (like Jesus!)

Laying down...

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- “He that finds his life will lose it: and he that loses his life for My sake will find it.” **Matthew 10.39**
 - 1) Whoever loses his life here, becoming a martyr, finds the higher life!
 - 2) If all you ‘find’ is your *external* life here, you will lose life there, *eternal!*
 - 3) Whoever loses his life here, setting it aside, finds, picks up, his true life!

WHAT IS...

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- **What is the meaning of life? What is the meaning of MY life? What is the purpose of MY life?**
- **If you want the answer – lose it – so that you can find it “AGAIN!”**
 - **We only get God’s will God’s way!**
 - **And you’ll find out everything you were created for, what your purpose is, what the meaning of life is!**



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**Everything you want to
know about life, and
yourself, can be found
“laying it down!”**