

How to Live Like You Were Dying

“Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should.” Psalm 90:12

“I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.” John 10:10

Jesus & Lazarus – John 11:38-44

“Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.””

1. I must risk doing what is _____.

“...Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” John 11:43

“Christ carried our sins in his body on the cross so we would stop living for sin and start living for what is right.” 1 Peter 2:24

2. I must _____ my priorities.

“... Jesus went to Bethany. Where Lazarus lived. (Lazarus is the man Jesus raised from the dead.) There they had a dinner for Jesus. Martha served the food, and Lazarus was one of the people eating with Jesus.” John 12:1-2

“‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.” Mark 12:30-31

3. I must reach for _____.

“A large crowd of Jews heard that Jesus was in Bethany. So they went there to see not only Jesus but Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from the dead. So the leading priests made plans to kill Lazarus, too. Because of Lazarus many of the Jews were leaving them and believing in Jesus.”

John 12:9-11

“This is what happens to those who live for the moment, who only look out for themselves: Death herds them like sheep straight to hell; they disappear down the gullet of the grave; they waste away to nothing—nothing left but a marker in a cemetery.” Psalm 49:13-14

“(Jesus) died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live to please themselves. Instead, they will live to please Christ, who died and was raised for them.” 2Corinthians 5:15

“Everyone has to die once, then face the consequences. Christ’s death was also a one-time event, but it was a sacrifice that took care of sins forever.” Hebrews 9:27-28

Sermon in a Sentence:

When I’m ready to _____, then I get to _____!