

A Rich And Satisfying Life

Are you living or just existing?

There is a difference in living life as God wants for us and just existing!

Webster's defines "living" as "vigorous, alive and full of life."

"Existing" is defined as "to have being."

John 10:10 (NLT) - The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them A RICH AND SATISFYING LIFE.

NIV - Life to the full

KJV - life more abundantly

J.B. Phillips - far more life than before

"Rich" - producing a large quantity of something: (of soil or a piece of land) having the properties necessary to produce fertile growth.

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"Are you living or just existing?"

I. We must embrace Him as our Father!

He is an amazing, flawless Father who always has our best interest at heart!

And He views our lives from an eternal perspective!

As Jesus entered his hour of trial the Bible says, "He lifted up his eyes to Heaven and said, "Father".

John 5:30 - "By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me".

If Jesus who is God's Son could "by himself do nothing" how much more can we by ourselves do nothing"?

More than we can handle myth:

"You'll get through this. God won't give you more than you can handle."

1 Cor. 10:13 - No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

2 Cor. 1:8-9

8 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life.

9 Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.

Ps. 121:1-2 - I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

II. We must embrace His leadership for our lives!

We could use some other words there as well like...

Guidance, destiny, plan, instruction, direction, governance, management, supervision, control...

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One of the most miserable ways to live is to live aimlessly without real ultimate purpose, not really knowing ultimately why we are here!

God wants all of us to live with a sense of divine destiny!

Listen, God has a greater purpose for you in the body of Christ!

He wants to use you to glorify Himself!

Jesus embraced the Father's destiny for Him!

Do you?

III. Our greatest desire must be to glorify our Father with our lives!

As he faced the cross, Jesus prayed, "Glorify your son that your son may glorify you."

The word glory has two primary meanings that are interrelated...

First it refers to a manifestation of God's presence.

Second, it means to give praise or honor and value where it's deserved.

The desire to glorify God can be costly, but it is very liberating!

Matt. 16:25 (ESV) - For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Are you living the abundant life that God wanted it to be or just existing?

Do you truly embrace Him as our Father?

And have you come to a place of complete dependence on Him?

Do you embrace the Father's leadership for your life?

Is your greatest desire to glorify your Father with your life?