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When You Feel Like You're About to Die

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TEXT: 2 KINGS 6:8-7:20, PHILIPPIANS 1:21

For some, pride remains their core compass throughout all of life, following the needle back to themselves. Sadly, they don't get very far that way. The same doesn't have to be true for you. What if living with the end in mind could shape the quality of your life here and now?



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“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21

“To live is Christ and to die is gain.”

Philippians 1:21

How could death gain us anything?

For every person who places their trust in Jesus, the power and victory of his life becomes yours through his Spirit alive in you to transform you into his likeness and fill you with ... “the whole measure of the fullness of Christ!”

Ephesians 4:13

When you know you’re gonna die, how are you gonna live?

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Israel dodged and deflected every incoming attack from the Aramean army because God revealed their strategy to Elisha; so they instead went after him.

“‘Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?’ ‘Don’t be afraid,’ the prophet answered. ‘Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.’”

2 Kings 6:15-16

How is that possible?

“Elisha prayed, ‘Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see.’ Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”

2 Kings 6:17

When you know you’re gonna die, how are you gonna live?

Live in God’s Victory!

Nothing is too hard for God.

“Some time later, however, King Ben-hadad of Aram mustered his entire army and besieged Samaria.”

2 Kings 6:24



A siege was the most highly effective military strategy to weaken a city into submission because it effectively strangles it to death.

“As a result, there was a great famine in the city.”

2 Kings 6:25 NLT

“This woman said to me: ‘Come on, let’s eat your son today, then we will eat my son tomorrow.’ So we cooked my son and ate him. Then the next day I said to her, ‘Kill your son so we can eat him,’ but she has hidden her son.’ When the king heard this, he tore his clothes in despair. ‘May God strike me and even kill me if I don’t separate Elisha’s head from his shoulders this very day,’ the king vowed.”

2 Kings 6:28-31

“All this misery is from the Lord! Why should I wait for the Lord any longer?”

2 Kings 6:33

Israel’s on death’s doorstep and, rather than calling upon the One who saves, the king calls for Elisha’s murder.

This same king of Israel was earlier described as doing “evil in the eyes of the Lord.”

2 Kings 3:2

When you know you’re gonna die, how are you gonna live?

Israel’s king lived according to his own pride.

For some, pride remains their core compass throughout their entire lives, following the needle back to themselves. You don’t get very far that way.

When you know you’re gonna die, how are you gonna live?

Call upon the Lord.

You are not alone, just as Elisha and his servant were not alone.

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:13

“The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.”

Psalms 34:17-18



His help may not always appear like we expect, but with his Spirit alive in you and his love provides peace that transcends all understanding.

“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.”

2 Corinthians 8-10

When you know you're gonna die, how are you gonna live?

When the king of Israel failed to take the lead, the King of heaven did. God revealed his faithfulness in saving Samaria from destruction.

“‘Why should we sit here waiting to die?’ they (four lepers) asked each other. ‘We will starve if we stay here, but with the famine in the city, we will starve if we go back there. So we might as well go out and surrender to the Aramean army. If they let us live, so much the better. But if they kill us, we would have died anyway.’”

2 Kings 7:3-4

But no one was there! “For the Lord had caused the Aramean army to hear the clatter of speeding chariots and the galloping of horses and the sounds of a great army approaching.”

2 Kings 7:6

How? By the mere sounds of Heaven's army! Nothing's too hard for God.

“Finally, they said to each other, ‘This is not right. This is a day of good news, and we aren't sharing it with anyone!’”

2 Kings 7:9, NIV

When you know you're gonna die, how are you gonna live?

Live for others.

You never know when God's glorious provision in your life might bring hope to someone else's life.

If God only gave you salvation in this life as his grace, would that be enough for you?

Amazingly, salvation alone isn't all that God has given to you.

“All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed** us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are **united** with Christ. Even before he **made** the



world, God **loved** us and **chose** us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God **decided** in advance to **adopt** us into his own family by **bringing** us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he **wanted** to do, and it **gave him great pleasure**. So we praise God for the glorious grace he has **poured** out on us who belong to his dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that he **purchased** our freedom with the blood of his Son and **forgave** our sins. He has **showered** his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.”

Ephesians 1:3-8

God has already given you more than you can ask or imagine, which is why we can rejoice when we face difficulties and hardships.

Do you see your life like the king and say, “I’m surrounded. I’m defeated. I can’t win. I’m done waiting on God. I know I’m gonna die, so I’m gonna live for myself!”

Or do you see your life like the four dying lepers and say, “God has given me more than I need. I have been showered with blessings. This is a day of good news, and I need to share with everyone!”

**You know you’re gonna die, so how are you gonna live?
Live forever!**

“And I loved deeper, And I spoke sweeter, and I gave forgiveness I’ve been denying. And he said, ‘Someday, I hope you get the chance to live like you were dyin’.” – Tim McGraw, “Live Like You Were Dying”

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Philippians 1:21

Give him your worries. Give him your fears.

Let your heart see with the eyes of faith Heaven’s army that is ready-in-waiting to get the final defeat over your enemy, because Christ has already won your victory.

In James Bond’s *No Time to Die*, M said of Bond, “*The function of man is to live, not to exist. I shall not waste my days trying to prolong them. **I shall use my time.***”

Use your time and opportunity in this life to share the good news of freedom in Christ with someone who feels trapped or stuck. Salvation life is meant to be shared!

