

The Great Interruption

FINDING GOD IN THE BIGGEST MOMENTS OF LIFE

Big things that happen are always harder when you aren't _____ for it.

Psalm 90:12 *So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.*

Three reasons we aren't prepared:

1. The blessing of modern _____.
2. Thinking that this _____ is all there is.
3. The removal of _____ such as “sin”, “guilt”, and “forgiveness” in modern culture.

1 Corinthians 15:56-57 *The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Rather than fearing death, or being unprepared for death, we should see it as spiritual _____ that awakens us from false beliefs.

Hebrews 2:10, 14-15 *In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered....14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*

“Pioneer” = Greek word *archegos* = “our _____”

Acts 2:24 *But God raised Him from the dead, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.*

Life in Jesus Christ gives you a Champion who has _____ death and any power it has over you.

1 Corinthians 15:55 *“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”*

Acts 22:6-8 *I was on my way, approaching Damascus at about noon, a very bright light suddenly flashed from heaven all around me, 7and I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?’ 8And I answered, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And He said to me, ‘I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting.’*

We now have _____ for the future, both on this earth and for eternity.

When Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane, it’s there we see the greatest act of _____ ever known.

Matthew 26:38 *“My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death”...*

Matthew 26:39 *“My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.”*

Matthew 26:42 *“My Father, if this cup cannot pass away unless I drink from it, Your will be done.”*

Hebrews 12:1-3 *Therefore...let’s rid ourselves of every obstacle and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let’s run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

The _____ of pleasing His Father and redeeming his friends enabled Him to have courage.

Psalms 116:15 *Precious in the sight of the LORD [carefully watched over] is the death of his saints.*

As saints of God we are never _____.

1 Corinthians 15:56-57 *The sting of death is sin... 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Psalms 23:4 *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

As a Christian, all death can do is make you _____ than you’ve ever been before.