



Announcements:

- College Student Welcome-Home event- May 17
- Midwest Young Adults Conference- June 1
- Midweek Connection Openers and Music Schedule

Order of Service for tonight:

- **Opening Game:**
- **Announcements:**
- **Opener:** Andy
- **Songs:**
 - O God, My Joy (p. 94)
 - You Are Always Good (on screen)
- **Prayer:**
- **Message:** Pastor Andy



Lesson 14

“Make the Most of Your Life”

Ecclesiastes 9:1-18

Have you ever received questionable life advice? It's not uncommon to hear the defiant declaration, 'You can't tell me how to live my life!' Yet, in Ecclesiastes 9, Solomon does precisely that. He offers guidance on how to live life to its fullest potential.

In this chapter, the sage Solomon encourages us to embrace life in the fear of God. Recognizing that all of life rests in 'the hand of God,' he urges us to seize each moment with zeal, honoring the Giver of life. Despite life's uncertainties, we're called to make the most of our opportunities, utilizing our God-given talents and resources to their fullest extent. Live well in the hand of God, maximizing the gift of life He has bestowed on you.

The Life You're Living is Inevitable (vs. 2-6).

- **Everyone** faces the same fate (vs. 2-3).
- Everyone faces **the same fate** (vs. 2-3).
- There is _____ in living! (vs. 4-6).
 - Living is better than dying (v. 4).
 - The living _____ they're dying (v. 5a).
 - The living can earn _____ (v. 5b).
 - The living are not yet forgotten (v. 5c).
 - The living still have a _____ in this world (v. 6).

Other Notes: _____

The Life You're Living is Enjoyable (vs. 7-10).

- Enjoy the _____ of life (vs. 7-9).
 - Enjoy your _____ blessings.
 - Enjoy your earthly _____.
 - Enjoy your valued friendships.
- Take _____ of your life (v. 10).



Other Notes: _____

The Life You're Living is Unpredictable (vs. 11-12).

- Expected _____ don't always happen (v. 11).
- Sudden trials _____ everyone (v. 12).

Other Notes: _____

The Life You're Living is Paradoxical (vs. 13-18).

- Wisdom is not always _____ or recognized (vs. 13-16).
- Wisdom can be easily _____ (vs. 17-18).
 - _____ wisdom is better than loud foolishness (v. 17).
 - Wisdom is better than _____ (v. 18).

Other Notes: _____



Prayer

Scripture: ²⁵ Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: ²⁶ And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?
John 11:25

College Student of the Night: All of Them!

Single Focus/Cross Impact Requests:

- Cross Impact IUPUI, Purdue, Ball State, and UIndy
- Potential at IU, Marion, and Butler
- Single Focus (Connect, Grow, Serve)
- Sunday Soul-Winning Efforts
- _____

Specific Requests:

- Jack Elms, Kendall Elms, Jesiah Achenbach, and Max Garcia in military training/service
- Joseph LaPointe's back and spirit
- Jessica's Unsaved friend in Mormonism
- Aaron Bott and family- Soldier in Kuwait (Joe Forti's friend)
- Ian's unsaved family
- James as he recovers from his diabetic episode and financial implications (Hau's friend)
- Karen's (Elizabeth's coworker) continued complications from her surgery months ago
- Jessi Gold's search for an internship.
- Pastor Jonah Scott (Andy's friend in WI) still fighting the infection that caused sepsis. Lots of ups and downs right now.
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