

# 30 days to live

## "NO REGRETS"

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Sunday, February 27, 2011

"Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—how fleeting my life is." Psalm 39:4 (NLT)

"I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us." Philippians 3:12-14 (NLT)

## Embrace who you are becoming

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

"Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy." Ephesians 4:21-24

## Don't look back

"But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." 1 John 1:9

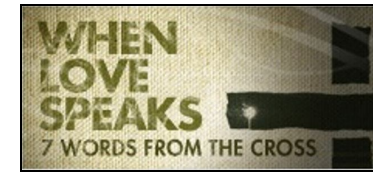
"So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God." Matthew 5:23-24

## Run until the race ends

"...So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return." Matthew 25:1-13

Week 1: Live Like I'm dying  
Week 2: Love like I'm forgiven  
Week 3: Leave a positive legacy  
Today: What life are you waiting for?

## NEW SERIES



March 6<sup>th</sup> "FATHER, FORGIVE THEM"  
March 9<sup>th</sup> "ASH WEDNESDAY" @ Bayside West Church 7 pm  
March 13<sup>th</sup> "YOU WILL BE IN PARADISE"  
March 20<sup>th</sup> "LOVE" Baptism to follow immediately after second service  
March 27<sup>th</sup> "MY GOD, MY GOD WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> "I AM THIRSTY"  
April 10<sup>th</sup> "IT IS FINISHED"  
April 17<sup>th</sup> "INTO THY HANDS"

# TIME WITH GOD

Memory Verse: “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” Matthew 6:33, 34

## Monday

Read Ecclesiastes 1:2–9. As this book of the Bible begins, Solomon despairs of ever finding happiness! Have you ever felt this way? When? In a sense, Jesus answer’s Solomon’s question in Matthew 5:3–12; the word “blessed” in these verses can also be translated “happy.” What does Jesus say in those verses will bring happiness? How is this different from what Solomon pursued? What would both Solomon and Jesus say to today’s society? To you? *Thank God specifically for things around you today that can bring you joy. How do you answer the question: “What life are you waiting for?”*

## Tuesday

Read Ecclesiastes 2. Do you see people around you trying to find happiness in any of the ways tried here by Solomon? How about you? What is the result of these pursuits, in your observation? Why do we still try this stuff when it’s clear from our own experiences and the lives of those around us that these things do not satisfy? *Thank God that He is our satisfier! Ask Him for the gift of enjoying little things.*

## Wednesday

Read Ecclesiastes 3:1–11. How can an understanding of the seasons of life help your frustration level go down and your serenity level go up? Why is it helpful to see “bad times” as seasons? Give an example from your life. Why is it helpful to see “good times” as seasons? Give an example. What good season are you in right now that you need to be enjoying more while it lasts?

## Thursday

Read Ecclesiastes 3:12–13. Solomon has done it all. What does he say is the best kind of existence? Is this easy for you to do? Why or why not? What keeps you from enjoying the “little things” you already have? *Throughout the day today, thank God many times for the “little things” you see and experience that can bring joy!*

## Friday

Read Ecclesiastes 12:11–14. What does Solomon say is the most important part of life, when all is said and done? How are you doing in this area? How does it make you feel to know that God will judge everything we have done? How does this correspond to the idea of grace — that we are saved not by our deeds, but by God’s mercy? (Hint: Why would God want to evaluate our deeds, other than just salvation?) *Renew your devotion to God today: Put Him first in your life! Ask Him to help you stay motivated to follow him because of the many gifts He lavishes upon you to enjoy, including salvation — and every other good thing in life!*

## Saturday

Looking back over the “30 Days to Live” series, what would you say are the biggest effects it has had on your life? Go back over your notes from the series. *Ask God to give you one or two truths from the series to which you can cling as we move on to our new series “When Love Speaks” the 7 last words of Jesus from the cross. Please pray that God blesses our services.*