

My Life Is ...

My Life

Stephen leads “Fearfully, Wonderfully, Made” (Written by Stephen & Dave Krist)

VIDEO – My life intro

(PASTORS NOT OUT YET - RUNS OUT WITH MIC OFF CONFUSED)

Pastor – Today we’re going to continue our study on my life is . . . no were not, I don’t have my bible, where’s my bible.

(Pastor starts making excuses on why he’s not prepared)

A. IT WOULD BE VERY UNCOMFORTABLE TO STEP UP HERE WITHOUT A PLAN

1. THE REAL TRAGEDY, THOUGH, IS THAT MOST PEOPLE GO THROUGH LIFE STUMBLING AROUND WITHOUT A PLAN.
2. WITHOUT PREPARING, WITHOUT PASSION, AND WITHOUT FOCUS FROM GOD.

IF YOU COULD COMPLETE THIS SENTENCE

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PAINFUL, HOPEFUL, HOPELESS, A ROUTINE, MUNDANE, EXCITING, MY LIFE IS JUST HANGING IN THERE.

I’D DARE SAY THAT MOST PEOPLE WOULD COMPLETE THAT SENTENCE WITH A OVER ALL VIEW OF THEIR LIFE AND SAY:

I DON’T LIKE WHERE I’VE BEEN, WHERE I’M AT, AND WHERE I’M GOING

B. THAT’S A PRETTY POOR STATEMENT FOR ANYBODY TO SAY BUT THE DAY WE’RE LIVING IN IT’S MORE TRUE THEN FALSE.

1. And especially for the Christ follower it’s a poor statement to say. As a Christ follower if we don’t like where we’ve been we can always change the present and change where were going in HIM.
2. But it takes something that God wants us to embrace.

VISION

KEY VERSE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEK IS.

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no vision, the people perish

B. A LOT OF TIMES WHEN YOU ASK PEOPLE “WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR LIFE” YOU’LL GET ANSWERS LIKE.

1. I want to be rich, I want to be famous, I want to eat everthing I want without getting fight.

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2. Those aren't visions or big ideas for a life. They're substitutes for the real thing. They're excuses to allow us to continue to drift. For the most part people just stumble through life hoping tomorrow will be better than today.
3. NO PLAN, NO DREAM. MOSTLY JUST EXISTING hoping for a break. Until the final chapter comes in their life. And then . . . bedtime.

ILLUSTRATION:

DEATH IS A TOPIC THAT MOST PEOPLE DON'T LIKE TO THINK ABOUT

But as a Pastor I've spent a lot of time helping people deal with death.

Everytime I'm asked to do a funeral I always sit the family down and ask them to tell me the good things about the deceased.

C. THE ANSWERS ARE INTERESTING.

1. Some families start talking and can't stop. THEY CRY/LAUGH. They celebrate a legacy with meaning and hope.
2. **BUT OTHER FAMILIES FALL INTO AN AWKWARD SILENCE.** They each seem to hold their breath. Looking down at the ground not knowing what to say. **Then what makes it real embarrassing they try to come up with something.**

ILL: (DART BOARD THROW SOME DART)

The chances that I'll get a bull eyes is very slim.

EVERYONE ENDS UP SOMEWHERE. BUT FEW PEOPLE END UP SOMEWHERE ON PURPOSE.

A. I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU TODAY.

1. Everyone can discover meaningful life direction. Everyone can end up somewhere on purpose. Not just the remarkable talented, rich and famous. But you, me everyone.

B. The bible makes it clear that we were designed from the start to live for a unique reason.

1. FOR A DREAM, A BIG IDEA, A PERSONAL MISSION. THAT'S BECAUSE YOU AND ME ARE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF A FORWARD LOOKING, PURPOSEFUL GOD.

Isaiah 46:10 (NIV)

2. IN OTHER WORDS, BEFORE GOD STARTS SOMETHING, HE IS CERTAIN OF THE OUTCOME. AND GOD MAP OF HISTORY INCLUDES A UNIQUE PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.

STEPHEN Sings "Fearfully, wonderfully made."

Psalms 139:13-16 (NIV)

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

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C. Did you catch the amazing truth in those lines?

1. God created you with a divine undertaking in mind.
2. Before you were born, God knew you. He knew what He wanted your life to be like.

D. But what happens, BILL PILE UP, PROBLEMS PRESS IN.

1. We're told every day by a hundred media messages that tell us.
2. We really need to do one thing that will change our lives.
3. BUY A TRUCK, GET TO THE MALL, DRINK LITE BEER.

CONCLUSION:

1. **THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'VE BEEN MADE FOR.**
2. **WE'VE BEEN MADE FOR HIS PURPOSE.**
3. **AND IF GOD DIDN'T MEAN IT HE WOULDN'T OF TAKEN THE TIME TO KNIT US TOGETHER FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY.**