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To Whom Shall We Go?

Joe Slater

Sometimes, even oftentimes, the truth irritates us. But a wise old saying goes thus: “If the truth rubs the cat’s fur the wrong way, turn that cat around!”

Jesus always spoke the truth. People didn’t always like it. When He fed the 5000, many were so impressed they wanted to make Him king! But others challenged Him to supply bread like Moses supplied manna in the wilderness. Feeding 5000 one time was good, but feeding over two million every day for forty years would be even better, or so they thought.

Jesus pointed out that their ancestors who ate manna died; He, on the other hand, was the “bread of life.” One who came to Him in trusting obedience would not die (John 6:31-51). Of course His critics misunderstood, thinking in fleshly terms rather than spiritual. As a result, “many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more” (6:66). Truth rubbed their fur the wrong way! “Then Jesus said to the twelve, ‘Do you also want to go away?’ But Simon Peter answered Him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (6:67-68).

Some things Jesus said are hard to understand; others are hard to accept even when we understand them. But let our response be that of Peter! He didn’t ask, “to what” or “to where” shall we go? It was “To whom?” If not to Jesus, then to whom? Yes, we should go to the Bible – but why do we trust the Bible? Because we trust its Author! Out ultimate confidence isn’t in ink on paper, but in the God who had His divine word written and preserved for us. To whom shall we go? No one else is worthy of such trust.

If God’s word rubs your fur the wrong way, turn that cat around!

Living My Best Life?

Jay Lanius

"Living my best life" is a popular phrase used on social media to describe good things in a person's life. However, its origin doesn't come from the most wholesome of sources. The phrase is featured in the 2018 hip hop song "Smile" by Lil' Duval and contains derogatory and explicit language which is repeated over 50 times in the 4-minute song. The infamous "F-word" appears at least four times within the lyrics of the popular tune.

It seems that once a catchy phrase becomes in vogue, the source doesn't seem to matter. I believe this is the case with "living my best life." I've observed the use of the phrase on social media and the #livingmybestlife appears on posts about family gatherings, fishing trips and cooking good things to eat. I've seen it on kid's ball games and camping trips and just about anything that is "good" in life.

As Christians we must carefully consider how we present ourselves to the unbelieving world. Remember that we are not to be conformed to thisworld but are to be transformed by having a spiritual attitude concerning all aspects of life (Romans 12:1-2).

Are we at liberty to live our best life? We most certainly are, because we trust in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy (1 Timothy 6:17). For the Christian, living my best life means living for Christ and sharing the message of salvation to those around us. Living my best life means that I live humbly in servitude to my Lord and fellowman (Mark 12:30-31).

So the next time you want to show off your "best life," why not take a photo during family bible study, bible class, worship, or visiting in the foyer after church; post it with #livingmybestlife. By doing so, you'll show the world what living the best life is really all about!

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Lisa Dukes, Betty Mosely,
Teriyaki Anderson,
James Morris, Troyce Taylor,
Pearl Johnson, Paula Wadley,
Judy Ellis, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Sammy & Shirley Puckett,
Jerry Butcher

Friends & Family

Glenn Lovell,
Beverly Martindale,
Diane Hubbard, Kyle Bess
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Archie Hardy,
Ruby Malone, Melissa Henson
Caraline Rogers, Justin Puckett,
Jane Washington, Joyce Pack

Today's Sermons

AM - The Power of the Cross
Hebrews 9:11-14

PM - JW Riggs
Freed-Hardeman Student

Happenings

Novenmber 15

Men's Business Meeting
following AM services

Cards to Send

James Morris
C/O Vanessa Perry
97 Old Pinson Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Betty Mosely
52 Auburndale Cove
Jackson, TN 38305

Weekly Record

Bible Class	47/7
AM Worship	61/65
PM Worship	47/81
Wed Bible Study	41/16
Contribution	2563
Budget	3600

Those Privileged to Serve

Nov 8 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture:
Costel Ghimpu
Opening Prayer:
Paul Hatcher
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Eddie Anderson
Communion: Jeff Dove
Contribution:
Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Greg Long
Sermon: JW Riggs
Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse
Communion: Ray Pack

Nov 11 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Ray Pack
Devo - Marion Thomas

Nov 15 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Read Scripture:
Charlie Richardson
Opening Prayer:
Jeff Dove
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Louie Leroux
Communion: Greg Long
Contribution:
Ronald Clouse

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Opening Prayer:
Ray Pack
Sermon: Tucker Cates
Closing Prayer: Mike Wages
Communion: Paul Hatcher

Nov 18 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas
Opening Prayer:
Greg Long
Devo - Ronald Clouse

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Service Times

Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	4:30 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM