

YOUR FINAL DAY ON EARTH
The Psalm 39 Series #3
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TEXT: Psalm 39:4-7

CONSIDER THIS: Some of the world's most "successful" people (political leaders, athletes, celebrities, scholars, business leaders, professionals, etc...) will, upon their deaths, leave several damaged or broken relationships behind them. On the other hand, some people who are easily overlooked by the world and never receive recognition, popularity or fame, will, when their lives end, leave behind a legacy of Christ-honoring relationships. In the end, which of those two categories best represents a life well-lived? Christian, you should do everything possible, within biblical precepts, to have relationships which honor God. Is that currently true of all of your relationships? If you knew this was **YOUR FINAL DAY ON EARTH**, what would you do with your relationships?

*Show me, O LORD, my life's end
and the number of my days;
Let me know how fleeting is my life.*
Psalm 39:4

REVIEW: These are the 9 things that should matter most on your final day on Earth:

1. Pray (praise, thanksgiving, intercession)
2. Search and meditate on God's Word
3. Confess my sins
4. Express my love to my family and friends
5. Address broken/strained relationships
6. Share the gospel
7. Serve
8. Give
9. Leave final words of encouragement, instruction, legacy.

GOD'S WORD TEACHES US ...

I SPEAK OF YOUR LOVE

- A) Words can be the most powerful thing in the world. This is by design, given to us by the Creator Who spoke a universe into existence (Genesis 1:3). Like any other great source of power, words can be used destructively or constructively (Proverbs 15:1, 3; James 3:2-12).
- B) Paul's example is noteworthy. He never passed up an opportunity to affirm his love for others (Romans 1:8-12; 16:8, 12-13; I Timothy 1:1-2; Philemon 1:1-4).

What can you do TODAY to affirm your love for others?
Call. Email. Text. Visit. Send a card.
Find a way to SAY IT TODAY.

II FIX BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

- A) We sin against others and they sin against us. This makes relationships prone to being damaged or broken (James 3:2).
- B) Let's consider Paul again. In Acts 13:13 and 15:16-39 we discover a broken relationship(s) in Paul's life. Luke (the author of Acts) does not delve into the details or affix blame. The bottom line is relationships were strained.
- C) Paul later affirmed John Mark in a marvelous way. Please see Colossians 4:10 which was written 12 years after the fracture in Acts 15:36-39. John Mark was by Paul's side! See also II Timothy 4:11. Shortly after writing this letter Paul experienced HIS **FINAL DAY ON EARTH**. Perhaps Mark was there.

Short of setting aside biblical principles, you should do everything you can to treat your relationships (especially the difficult ones) as though you knew this was your **FINAL DAY ON EARTH**.

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