

NOT MY WILL, BUT YOURS BE DONE

Indicators of New Life (Part 2)

Matthew 26:36-44

(See also Luke 22:39-46; Mark 14:32-40)

³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled.

³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

⁴⁰ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter.

⁴¹ "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

⁴³ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy.

⁴⁴ So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

Definition of life (from a dictionary)

- The condition that distinguishes animals and plants from inorganic matter, including the capacity for growth,

reproduction, functional activity, and continual change preceding death (Example - The origins of life)

- The existence of an individual human being or animal. (In that accident, we lost 12 lives.)
- The period between the birth and death of a living thing, especially a human being. (His life was short. She had a very long, prosperous life.)
- Vitality, vigor, or energy. (Young people are full of life!)

Two kinds of life (John 12:25)

²⁵ Anyone who loves their **life** will lose it, while anyone who hates their **life** in this world will keep it for eternal **life**.

Jesus came to give us life (John 10:10)

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have **life**, and have it to the full.

Blessing (Genesis 1:28)

²⁸ God blessed them...

- First of all, only God can bless. So, there is no other blessing except God's blessing.
- Second, blessing is given, not earned.
- Third, blessing is authority. There are power, provision, and protection in authority.

Characteristics of blessing

- Blessing flows through authority (From higher authority to lower authority)
- Blessing flows within boundaries and guidelines set by the higher authority.
- Blessing is taken away when it's exercised outside the boundaries.

God created us in His blessing: Living beings Genesis 2:7

⁷ The Lord God **formed** the man from the dust of the ground and **breathed** into his nostrils **the breath of life**, and the man became a **living being**.

God wants us to know the reality of two kinds of life

Genesis 2:16-17

¹⁶ And the Lord God **commanded** the man, "**You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;**
¹⁷ but you **must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil,** for **when you eat of it you will surely die.**"

The enemy's goal: To take our blessing away from us by deceiving us with what is seemingly desirable Genesis 3:7

⁷ Then **the eyes of both of them were opened**, and **they realized they were naked**; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Genesis 3:5

5 For God knows that when you eat from of the tree, **your eyes will be opened**, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

The reality of sin is attractive Genesis 3:6

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom...

Sin: To become our own god against the truth God by establishing our own judgement call Genesis 3:22

²² And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil..."

Indicators of old life: Making our own judgment call by ignoring God-given authority Genesis 3:11

¹¹ "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

*Adam (his own wisdom and insight) told himself that they were naked. (We are naked. Therefore, we are ashamed.)

Judges 21:25

²⁵ In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit.

Indicators of new life: Not my will but Yours be done.

Matthew 26:39, 42, 44

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Application

1. Do I understand the blessing of God?
2. Am I living in the authority of God?
 - God's Word is my final authority: Am I exercising my God-given authority within the boundary?
 - Am I receiving God's blessing by obeying God-established higher authorities in my life? (Family authority, spiritual authority, general authorities for the order in society)
3. Is there any of my own judgement call in my life?