

## Do not tell me how to live my life; unless.....

How would you finish the sentence? Many would say that the sentence does not need a finish. Nobody has the right to tell another how to live. Therefore the sentence stands alone, without an "unless." That is a correct answer for the most part. But all of us do add an "unless" in many areas of our living. We all recognize that there are certain areas of life where we are told how to live, and we willingly submit. We obey traffic regulations when driving. We pay taxes as ordered by the tax codes. We submit to our managers at work. There are very tangible and painful consequences to being self-willed in these areas. So we end the sentence something like, "Do not tell me how to live my life, unless you have the power to make my nonconformity painful enough to make me choose obedience." In addition to these mandatory areas there are many ways in which we choose to live our lives very much like a lot of other people are living theirs. Some of these involve

the clothes we wear, the music we listen to, the recreation we choose, and even more important things like political opinions, and religious values.

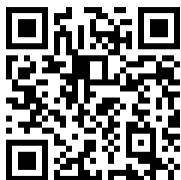
This is the way I have chosen to complete the sentence. *"Do not tell me how to live my life, unless you can overcome death!!"* My reasoning is that death is the biggest problem known to the human race. Death has no respect for culture, geography, race, ages, or philosophy of life. It is the enemy of everyone. It ruthlessly spoils the lives of everyone. Eating right, getting exercise, having access to well trained care givers may result in a slightly longer life, but in the end death always wins. Jesus Christ is the only one who has the power to defeat death. He overcame his own death. He offers to overcome yours. The Bible says, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him." John 3:36 - Pastor Charles Fortner

### Events

**TODAY**  
College/Career Lunch  
1 PM

3/7 Small Groups 7:15 PM  
3/14 Stephen Atkinson  
CWI 7:15 PM  
3/25 Annual Meeting,  
Part 1 7 PM

### Give



### Upcoming Events



### Pastors

Gary Hendrix	Stephen Byrd
Charles Fortner	Robert Fisher
Stu Johnston	Bob Prentice
Andy Dunkerton	Michael Lopes

### Service Times

- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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JOHN 11:25

## Morning Worship

Call to Worship  
Opening Hymn  
Scripture Reading  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offertory

Pastor Stu Johnston  
#218 All Hail the Power  
John 2:13-25, page 887

How Great Thou Art

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

**(Refrain)**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

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When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. **(Refrain)**

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin. **(Refrain)**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim,  
my God, how great Thou art! **(Refrain)**

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**Preparatory**

**God Undefeatable**

1. Behold the King who conquered and overcame our sin.  
Behold our glorious Victor whose mercy knows no end.  
He is true, He is right, death is broken, He is alive.

**(Chorus)**

**God undefeatable, Kingdom unshakeable;  
in majesty and power You reign.  
Love undeniable, matchless and bountiful;  
to waken us to life You came. You came.**

2. And now our way is certain, our souls in You secure  
through every pain and struggle Your victory endures.  
For You are true, and You are right, death is broken, and You are alive.

**(Chorus)**

**(Bridge)**

The love of God is greater than we dare to hope or dream.  
The hold of God is stronger than we dare to hope or dream.

**(Chorus)**

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**Sermon**

**Pastor Gary Hendrix**

## Evening Worship

Call to Worship  
Opening Hymn  
Scripture Reading  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offertory

Pastor Charles Fortner  
#400 Come Thou Fount  
Psalm 71, page 484

#27 Great is Thy Faithfulness

**Preparatory**

**Speak, O Lord**

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness;  
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

2. Teach us Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes; in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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**Sermon**

**Pastor Andy Dunkerton**