

Don't Tell Me How to Live My Life!!!...unless... by Charles Fortner

How would you finish the sentence? Some would say it needs no finish. That is what they would tell anyone, period. "Nobody has the right to tell me how to live my life. I exercise my right to make my own choices." Okay, to a certain extent. But our choices are limited by a number of factors. Earning power limits our choices about the car we drive or the house we live in. Group pressure may influence our choices about the clothes we wear or the style of music we listen to. Even if we admit that we need good advice about a lot of choices we have to make, how do we know when we have consulted with the right authorities on a given topic. Choose we must, about many different things in life, but how can we be sure we are on the best course?

Let me tell you how I answer the "unless" statement. Don't tell me how to live my life unless you have been raised from the dead. There is One who has been, and that is the badge of ultimate authority and liberty. Death is the terrifying dictator in regard to

life. It has the power to say, "No more choices, no more life." I want to listen to the Man who conquered death's power and authority. Jesus did. He was God who became a man without ceasing to be God. As God, he had no sin that demanded his death. He voluntarily died as a substitute for sinners like you and me. But he did not stay dead, he came out of the grave, and promises that those who repent of their sins and trust in him for forgiveness will one day be raised from death also.

My reasoning is that the One who can do that knows all about the best way to live my life. I listen to Him through the pages of the Bible. He even has power to give me ability beyond my own to understand and follow the counsel of His Word. It is impossible to even hint at the extent of His power in a sentence or two. Trust in Christ as your only hope of reconciliation with God. Read the Bible. Attend a church that teaches it. Seek out people who know God and his Word.

Events

- 8/18 Run, Hide, Fight training
7 PM
- 8/24 Ladies Missionary Society
9 AM
- 8/31 Josiah & Christina wedding
3 PM all are invited

Pastors

Gary Hendrix Stephen Byrd
Stu Johnston Bob Prentice
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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welcome!

**YOU ARE MY HIDING PLACE
AND MY SHIELD
I HOPE IN YOUR WORD**

Psalm 119:114

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Morning Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Stu Johnston O Praise the Name

I cast my mind to Calvary, Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet, My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears, They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone, Messiah still and all alone

(Chorus)

**O praise the name of the Lord our God, O praise His name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise, Oh Lord, oh Lord our God**

Then on the third at break of dawn, The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King

(Chorus)

He shall return in robes of white, The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints, My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Interlude, (Chorus 2x)

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

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Scripture Reading

Luke 18:9-14, page 877

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Take My Life and Let it Be

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3. Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal Throne.

6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Preparatory

**#190 Glory Be to Jesus
There is a Redeemer**

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

**(Chorus) Thank You, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain. **(Chorus)**

When I stand in Glory, I will see His face,
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. **(Chorus 2x)**

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Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Bob Prentice Stronger

1. There is love that come for us; humbled to a sinners cross.
You broke my shame and sinfulness. You rose again victorious.
2. Faithfulness none can deny, through the storm and through the fire.
There is truth that sets me free: Jesus Christ who lives in me.

(Chorus)

**You are stronger, You are stronger. Sin is broken, You have saved me.
It is written, Christ is risen. Jesus, You are Lord of all.**

3. No beginning and no end; You're my hope and my defense.
You came to seek and save the lost. You paid it all upon the cross.

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

So let Your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher.
So let Your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher.

(Chorus 2x)

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Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-20, page 836

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory/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 Communion

**Pastor Michael Lopes
Pastor Bob Prentice
#418 We Have Not Known Thee
#192 Stricken, Smitten
Agnus Dei**