

Sunday Morning | May 28, 2017



A WORD OF CONFIDENCE

LUKE 23:44-47 (NASB)

INSIGHT: We tend to die as we have lived!

I. JESUS MODELED HOW TO DIE WELL.

1. He was at peace with His time to die.
2. He wasn't afraid to die.
3. He died with no unreconciled relationships.
4. He wasn't angry or bitter.
5. He knew where He was going, confident of heaven.
6. He trusted God with His future.

II. THE THEOLOGY OF CHRIST'S DEATH

1. He willingly gave His life.

REALITY: The shadow of the Cross fell across the manger of His birth (Hebrews 10:5 LB; John 10:18).

TRUTH: Christ's death on the Cross wasn't a tragedy but a choice.

2. He gave His life boldly.
3. He gave His life having confidence in God (Psalm 31:5).

TRUTH: At the height of His suffering, Jesus focused on God, not His pain.

III. TRUTHS FOR OUR DARK DAYS

1. You have a "Father in heaven" who cares (John 16:28).

*The Bible says God is caring, "*Come to Me all you who are heavy laden;*" consistent, "*I will never leave you nor forsake you;*" and close "*Draw near to Me and I will draw near to you*" (Psalm 103:13).

TRUTH: God loves you more than you love yourself.

2. God is faithful.

TRUTH: Inconsistent fathers produce insecure children.

THE DECISION OF TODAY: Who will you trust in this life?

TRUTH: God will always tell you the truth (Psalm 33:4 NLT)!

QUESTION: What do you need to give God this morning?

ANSWER: Anything you're worrying about!

3. God handles what we put in His hands (2 Timothy 1:12).

TRUTH: We don't do the keeping; God does!

TRUTH: It's God's job to keep you saved, to get you to heaven (2 Timothy 1:12).

4. God works in the dark night of your soul.

TRUTH: While you wait in the dark, God works in your behalf... Your part is to trust (Job 23:9-10)!

TRUTH: Today's dark time in your life is a test, and God is taking care of things you can't see that need to be addressed.

TRUTH ABOUT GOD'S HANDS:

- a) Big enough to bless you
- b) Big enough to keep you forever
- c) Scarred so He cannot forget you (Isaiah 49:15)