**WAT IS JOU LEWE? / WHAT IS YOUR LIFE?**

* Today’s text, Ecclesiastes 12:8
* Read translations:

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| 1983 – Alles kom tot niks, se die Prediker, tot niks. | ESV – Vanity of vanities says the preacher; all is vanity. |
| 1953 – Alles tevergeefs, se die Prediker, dit is alles tevergeefs | NABS - “Futility of futilities,” says the Preacher, “all is futility!” |
| 2020 Direkte Vertaaling – Sinloos, volslae sinloos, se die prediker, alles is sinloos | CSB - "Absolute futility", says the Teacher, "Everything is futile" |

* James 4:14 / Jakobus 4:14 – What is your life? / Wat is jou lewe?
* Vanity/Futility // Tevergeefs/Sinloos
  + Mist/vapor/puff of air // mis, verdampende water, stoom
  + Word appears 3-times in this verse / Woord verskyn 3-keer in die vers
    - Like saying Christ is king of kings and lord of lords
  + Solomon opens and closes his book with this statement / Salomo begin en eindig sy boek met die stelling. = Bywoord of epiloog
* Text is forces a question just as much as it is a statement / Die teks vorseer n vraag net soveel soos wat dit n stelling maak.
  + What are you doing with your life that matters? / Wat doen jy met jou lewe wat saakmaak?
  + If you are in Christ you are:
    - Forgiven/vergifnes
    - Sanctified/Heilig gemaak
    - Adopted/Aangeneem
    - Given eternal life/Ewige lewe gegee
    - Have the Holy Spirit/Het die Heilige Gees
  + You are eternally secure, you have eternal life: John 3:36, what are you doing with it? / Jy het n ewige sekuriteit, jy is veilig, jy het kla die ewige lewe, wat maak jy nou?
  + John 10:10 – Life in abundance / Lewe in oorvloed
  + For most of us, the difference between the world and us is that we waste our Sunday mornings by coming to church/ Vir meeste van ons is die enigste verskil tussen ons en die wereld dat ons ons sondae mors deur om kerk toe te kom.
  + Your eternity is secure, you have God on your side, you have an inheritance, let me now make coffee and plop myself on the couch
  + Do you know that you are saved? / Het jy sekkerheid van jou redding?
    - If not, what are you doing? / As jy nie het nie, wat maak jy?
    - What is the solution? / Wat is die oplossing?
    - Look to CHRIST / Kyk op Jesus
    - Isaiah 45:22
  + Would you know if someone took a hundered pounds off you back?
  + I'm calling you to do the extroadinary. Don't be like the person with the one talent. You still have time. / Jy word geroep tot n buitegewone roeping, moet nie soos die persoon wees wat sy talent begrawe het nie **– MATTHEW 25:14-30**
* **PSALM 90:12** - Teach us to number our days so that we may gain a heart of wisdom / Leer ons om ons dae so te tell da tons n wyse hart mag bekom
* 1) Be very much aware of the fact that your days are numbered. What are you doing with your life? / Wees heeltemal bewus dat jou dae is genommer, wat doen jy met jou tyd?
* 2) Procrastination is the arrogant assumption that God owes you another opportunity to do what you had time to do
* When you stand before God, how will you respond when asked about the things you spend your time on?
  + Lord I know you church was important. I know that it literally cost the life and blood of your Son to purchase the church. I know that the Holy Spirit is poured out for the church, I know that the church is the bride of Christ and that the church will be seated with Christ on the right hand of the Father… but…. But… but…. I had a deadline. I I I had a project that I just had to complete, the seats are too hard. We were up too late and tired in the morning. I know Christ went willingly to the cross, but I wasn’t prepared to willingly go to church.
* “God’s purpose for my life was that I have a passion for God’s glory and that I have a passion for my joy in that glory, and that these two are one passion.” ― Jonathan Edwards
* What are you doing right now that matters? / Wat doen jy nou wat saak maak?
* This one life will soon be past, only what’s done for Christ will last.
* To live is Christ to do is gain / om te lewe is Christus om die dood n wins
* Go and think what this means / Gaan dink aan wat dit beteken
* GOSPEL!