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# DEATH

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### MAIN POINT:

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### MESSAGE NOTES:<sup>1</sup>

Listen to or view message #14 in *The Ologies*, “Death,” at [psconline.com](http://psconline.com). You can also find it by searching for Pleasant Street Church of Christ on your favorite podcasting service or on the Faithlife app on Apple TV or Roku.

#### *Thought Questions:*

1. How would the apostle Paul define “death”?
2. Why wouldn’t God allow Aaron to mourn the death of his sons?
3. Describe the “death mindset.”
4. How can we be holy in a world dominated by death?

#### *Next Steps:*

1. What habits or affections do you need to put to death with Christ?
2. How will you live as one raised from the dead?

#### *Obedience Challenge: Write Your Obituary*

Set aside some time to write your own obituary. Try to think about what a funeral director would say based on the information your family would give them. After you’ve written your formal obituary, write another one of equal length that describes you in all your faults and your hope in Christ. Put that one in an envelope to be read at your funeral. Update as necessary from year to year.

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<sup>1</sup> You will share your notes during the Collaboration time of your Life Team meeting.

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## DAILY DEVOTION GUIDE:

Read the following Scriptures about humankind as created beings, throughout this week. Use the [SOAP journaling method](#) to help you go deeper into the text. (See Handout)

- Monday – Genesis 45
- Tuesday – Leviticus 21
- Wednesday – Psalm 53 (yes, I know we did this one last week, too)
- Thursday – Isaiah 59
- Friday – John 8
- Saturday – Hebrews 9

During your Life Team meeting, you'll be given the opportunity to share some of your Application entries. Consider bookmarking any that you'll want to share by way of confession or to encourage others.

Or copy it here for easy reference:

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## INTERGENERATIONAL GATHERING GUIDE:

### Primer Exercise:

#### *For Children*

Make or buy a special dessert that everyone in your family loves. Be sure to make plenty but hide all but one serving from view. Gather your family around and bring out the dessert.

Say, “Only one person can have the dessert I have here. How should we decide who should get it?”

Allow your kids to discuss the various reasons. Then say, “What if this was the only serving of this dessert left in the world and there would never be another? Would that change the way you think about who should get it? How sad would you be if you couldn’t have it?”

Now, bring out the rest of the dessert and say, “How does having plenty of this dessert solve the problems we had before? What if this dessert kept replacing itself every time somebody took some?”

Ask, “Why do you think people fight and lie? What if everyone felt happy all the time and had everything they needed?”

Share with them about how we trust God to make us happy, give us what we need, and let us live forever. Talk about how this helps you to live his way.

#### *Everyone Else*

Watch this clip from “The Dead Poets’ Society,” <https://pscconline.com/carpe-diem-mp4/>

Or, if you don’t mind some 1980’s PG elements and have never seen it, watch the whole movie.

- What do you think of Mr. Keatings advice in this clip?
- What attitudes and behaviors would Carpe Diem produce in people?
- How does this way of thinking agree with the gospel?
- How does it conflict with it?
- What would be a better motto for Christians? (Extra points for translating it into Latin.)

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The three sessions below are designed for home devotional use. Each session should be done in a separate sitting.

## Session One: “See Me and Die”

- Read Exodus 10:25-28 and Exodus 33:18-23
  - What were some similarities between Pharaoh and God?
  - How were they different?
  - Why do you think Pharaoh kept refusing to allow the Israelites to leave even though it was destroying his country?
- Application and Prayer
  - Who are some people in authority over us?
  - How should we pray for them?

## Session Two: “Rude, but Right”

- Read Luke 9:59-60
  - Do you think this man had a legitimate reason to delay following Jesus?
  - What would he have lost by doing what the Lord commanded?
  - Whom did Jesus think would bury the man’s father?
  - How did Jesus expect this man to be different from those people?
- Application and Prayer
  - Why do people have funerals?
  - What’s more important than remembering someone after they’re dead?

## Session Three: “Raised Twice”

- Read Ephesians 2:1-10
  - What does Paul say God has done for us?
  - How could this be?
- Application and Prayer
  - If what Paul says here is true, how should we reflect it in our lives?
  - Pray the following adaptation of Ephesians 1:17-19:

*God of our Lord Jesus Christ, glorious Father, please give us the spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that we may know you better. We pray that the eyes of our hearts may be enlightened in order that we may know the hope to which you have called us, the riches of your glorious inheritance among your holy people, and your incomparably great power for us who believe.*

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## LIFE TEAM GATHERING GUIDE:

**14** **My Life Is In You, Lord**  
 Words & Music by Daniel Gardner  $\text{\$}$  *Deuteronomy 6:5*  
 Arr. by Darrell Bledsoe

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You, My You, I will praise You with all of my life. I will praise You with all of my strength. All of my hope is in You. My all of my strength, With all of my life, with all of my strength, All of my hope is in You. My You, it's in You, in You. You, in You.

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*Coda*

*Song Ending*

*D.S., al Coda*

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Go to <https://psconline.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/My-Life-Is-In-You-Lord.mp3> for the tune.



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## Scripture Discussion

- Read Philippians 2:12-18:
  - What is the “Therefore” in vs. 12 there for?
  - How does the gospel of Christ call us to “do everything without grumbling or complaining”?
  - What does Paul call the gospel in this passage? Why do you think he uses this phrase in this context?
  - Considering that “being poured out like a drink offering” referred to being beheaded, why is Paul’s response unusual?
  - Is he the weird one or are we?

## Pray

- Get a volunteer to close the prayer time at the end.
- Recite the following ancient confession of faith as a segue into a time of prayer:

*If we died with him,*

*we will also live with him;*

*if we endure,*

*we will also reign with him.*

*If we disown him,*

*he will also disown us;*

*if we are faithless,*

*he remains faithful,*

*for he cannot disown himself.*

- Pray for needs and have volunteer close.

## Collaborate

Each participant should have listened to Message #14 in *The Ologies*, “Death” in person or online and taken notes.

- Have everyone share their answers to the **Thought Questions** in their *Message Notes*.
- If anyone has already done the **Obedience Challenge**, have them report on how it went and what they learned.
- Encourage (but don’t require) participants to share their **Next Steps** or any **Application** entries from their SOAP journals.
- Close by praying for each other’s **Next Steps** and **Application** entries.