

LIFE AS GOD HAS IT – BIBLE STUDY NOTES

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this bible study is to understand the life as God has it and as Jesus came to give us.

Introduction

Having spent the last few sessions talking about overcoming the fear of death, today we will look at life as God has it. The quality of our revelation of life will inform our attitude towards death and loss. In God's economy, these are not separate things. In God's economy asking for life means embracing death. In God's economy death gives birth to life.

John 10:10 Amplified Bible (AMP)

10 The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].

We still live in a fallen world, a world where stealing, killing and destruction are realities of life here on earth. The enemy of our soul, who is the god of this world wants our story to be about what was stolen, killed and destroyed in our lives. He wants the story of our lives to end with destruction.

In the natural we are conditioned to fear destruction and loss. That's the plan of the enemy. Because when you fear death and destruction, you are actually demonstrating faith in the agenda of the enemy.

However, Jesus came to give us life. Jesus's agenda is to bring us life. And it is so wise for us to understand the power of this truth, because when we do, we see why and how



we are now empowered to live free of fear, death, destruction, loss. It's all in the life the Jesus brought to us.

The Zoe Life

John 5:26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.

Notice that God granted Jesus LIFE AS HE HAS IT. This means that when Jesus came in the flesh, the same life in God was deposited in Jesus. God smuggled Zoe life into a world that was being terrorised by death, so that through the death of Jesus in the flesh, the life of God can be released on the earth. Because but ultimately, He came that we might have life as God has it! Zoe life!

John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not [a]comprehend it.

In Jesus is the Zoe Life...and that life is the light of men! That life is the light that dispels darkness! That life is the light that darkness cannot comprehend! The implication is that apart from this life, we live life stumbling about in darkness, because the life that Jesus brought us is the light of men! This is why there is no real, lasting solution outside Jesus. He is the light of men. Apart from Him, anything we claim to be light will eventually be shown to be darkness.

The power of the Zoe life

It is so important that we get a revelation of how powerful Zoe life is. Zoe life is life as God has it and access to this life has really changed everything! In fact, the enemy thrives on our blindness to the good news of Jesus. (2 Corinthians 4:4). The enemy thrives the



darkness that looms in the absence of a revelation of this life which is the light of men. When you get this revelation, you get that light that darkness cannot comprehend!

Death and loss were never the plan of God for us. He is life, His plan for us right from the beginning was life! Eternal life. Death and loss were introduced in the equation through sin. Sin introduced death (**Romans 5:12**).

But Jesus came that we might have life. I don't believe that this means that we no longer experience death or loss of any kind whilst we are still here on earth, it means that death and loss will no longer have dominion over us because sin no longer has dominion over us (**Romans 6:14**). It means that when the enemy steals, kills or destroys in our lives, that will not be the end of our story, because Jesus brought resurrection and life. (**John 11:17-44**)

This is an important truth to understand because I have seen many Christians who feel disappointed in God when they experience death, loss, destruction, because they believed that since Jesus came to give them life, I must be in the wrong if I experience any of these things. Or they feel that God must not care for me, or the word was a lie. But that is not so.

The scripture talks about a time when death will be completely defeated -**1 Corinthians 15:26** says **the last enemy that will be destroyed is death**. Until this time, we will still see death in action around us.

But here is the powerful truth, Jesus brought us the God kind of life, the kind of life that is stronger than death. This is the kind of life that can stop death from happening. But if death should happen, it is also the kind of life that is able to come out from under the grip of death! This is life in the absolute sense! This is why Jesus could not be killed, he had to lay down His life. Because the life He came with was the God kind of life!

John 11 New Living Translation (NLT)

11 A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha. ²This is the Mary who later poured the expensive perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair.^[a] Her brother, Lazarus, was sick. ³So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick." ⁴But when Jesus heard about it, he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this.

Notice what Jesus said here, he said that the sickness will not end in death. Many of us hearing that, interpret that to mean that Lazarus will not die. We imagine that Lazarus is going to get healed, because Jesus said that the sickness was not unto death. But when take into account what happened in the story, we actually see that Lazarus died of that sickness. So, what Jesus actually meant...based on everything that happened, was that death will not be the end of the story of Lazarus, because Jesus, the resurrection, and the life was a beloved friend!

So, when Jesus came to give us life, of course we still experience death, we still experience loss, but when you truly understand the life that Jesus brought to us, we understand that the story of our lives will not end with death as the last chapter! All because we have zoe life! Life as God has it. When you realise this, you understand why death was not the last word for Lazarus and it will not be the last word for you. For Lazarus' family, loss was not the last word and it will not be the last word for you!

We all share a struggle with Martha, Lazarus' sister had. She believed that Jesus was able to give life to Lazarus' sick body, but not necessarily His dead body. Which is why they sent for Jesus when Lazarus was sick. But they thought Jesus was late, when Lazarus died.



In John 11:37, see what they said but some said, “This man healed a blind man. Couldn’t he have kept Lazarus from dying?”

When we don’t have a revelation of the kind of life that Jesus came to give us, we give up hope in the face of death or loss. We live our lives scared of loss and destruction, because the enemy has convinced us to have more faith in death than we do in life. When we don’t have a revelation of the kind of life that Jesus came to give us, our faith will be inspired by the fear of death instead of a revelation of life as God has it, which Jesus brought to us.

This is why Jesus wept (John 11:35) He wept because the people had no hope. He wept because the enemy who came to kill steal and destroy, the god of this world had convinced the people that the power of death was absolute. So that even when life (Jesus) was present with them, they did not recognise Him or understand that life, zoo life, life as God has it, has over death. He wept because death had convinced us to put our dead dreams, or failed attempts, our unmet expectations in a sealed tomb. Because somehow, we have reached the conclusion that death was absolute!

Show me where you laid Him

But I brought you good news, death is not absolute. Death does not have the last word, because Jesus brought us life as God has it! Whilst Jesus was upset and angry that His people had believed a lie, He was also determined to give God the glory that He is due. Here is what He said to them

John 11: ³³When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him, ³⁴and he was deeply troubled. ³⁴“Where have you put him?” He asked them. They told him, “Lord, come and see.”



Today you and I, in one way or the other are like these people wailing because of what we have lost. For some of us we are wailing because of what we are afraid we would lose! But I love Jesus' response, He says show me where you laid him. I equally love their response; Lord come and See.

The Lord Jesus is not content to leave you thinking that death or loss has the ultimate power. Jesus is not content to see you wailing because you believed the lie of the enemy. The Word of the Lord to you show me where you have laid it. Show me where you laid that dream. Show me where you laid your hope. Show me where you laid your peace. Show me where you laid your faith. Show me where you parked your life.

The best response we could give him is this; "Lord come and see". Now this is where we have some personal homework to do. Will you take moment, make a list of some things that you might have been wailing over because you did not consider the fact that Jesus brought your life? And say Lord come and see. Will you take him to the place where you buried your hope of every being happy? Will you take Him back to that incident that happened, that place where you believed a lie that has kept you in this place of hopelessness. Take Jesus there, He is Life. He brought that Life for you. Show Him where you laid it.

Conclusion

I want to challenge your perception and understanding of the life that you are living. Because it will be a tragedy to for Jesus to come with LIFE AS GOD HAS IT, yet we live our lives with less than that! I want to challenge you to truly believe in the life that Jesus came to bring you. Do you believe That Jesus came for you to have LIFE AS GOD HAS IT!