



Memento Mori - 4.19.26

Goal: We should live as if everyday is our last day. One day it will be.

Scripture: *2 Timothy 3:1-5; Acts 17:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 2-3*

Overview:

Memento Mori has its roots in the philosophers of classical antiquity and Christianity. After a military victory, the triumphant military generals were paraded through the streets to the roars of the masses. The ceremonial procession could span the course of a day with the military leader riding in a chariot. There was not a more coveted honor. The general was idolized, viewed as divine by his troops and the public. But riding in the same chariot, standing just behind the worshipped general, was a slave. The slave's sole responsibility for the entirety of the procession was to whisper in the general's ear continuously, "***Hominem te esse memento. Memento mori!***" "***Remember thou art mortal. Remember you must die!***"

Every day we are one day closer to death and His return. That's what Paul was addressing in 1 Thessalonians. According to Acts 17, Paul preached in Thessalonica on three Sabbaths. He was there less than a month when some Jews and Greeks came to faith in Jesus. A new church was born. Many of the Jewish people were not converted and didn't like Paul. They came after him, attacking him. The enemy will always attack what God anoints. Paul was run out of town for preaching the truth. He had to defend himself.

Application:

- **Because time is short:**
 - **Speak Boldly**
 - **Live Purely**
 - **Love Deeply**
 - **Endure Faithfully**

Discussion Questions:

1. Are you a people pleaser?
2. Where is God calling you to share your faith?
3. When do you care more about pleasing people than pleasing God?
4. Where, or with whom, do you get sucked into people-pleasing?
5. In what area do you struggle "going with" the culture or crowd?
6. Who is God calling you to love that may be hard to love?
7. What trial is God using to strengthen your faith?
8. Are you ready to meet Jesus?