G R O W T H N O T E S

Scripture Text: Psalm 39:4-6

Teaching Series: TICK-TOCK—MAKING EVERY MOMENT COUNT! – Part 1

Today's Message: "HOW TO STEP PAST FEAR!"

Psalm 39 (NLT): ⁴ "LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—how fleeting my life is. ⁵ You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand. My entire lifetime is just a moment to you; at best, each of us is but a breath." *Interlude* ⁶ We are merely moving shadows, and all our busy rushing ends in nothing. We heap up wealth, not knowing who will spend it.

BASIS FOR THIS SERIES

- "SOMEBODY SHOULD TELL US—RIGHT AT THE START OF OUR LIVES—THAT WE ARE DYING, THEN WE MIGHT LIVE LIFE TO THE LIMIT EVERY MINUTE OF THE DAY!"
- SO—it turns out—we're actually NOT in the "Land of the Living"—BUT—in the land of the dying—on our way to the land of the living—that is—eternal life!

• *Here's The Point*—Whatever you wanna do—do it now—because there are only so many tomorrows!

THE SCRIPTURE TEXT BACKGROUND

Our text says, in Psalm 39, Verse, 4—"Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be—remind me that my days are numbered—and my life is passing away!

AND—Psalm 90, verse 10, Says—"Our days may come to 70 years—or 80 if our strength endures—yet the best of them is trouble and sorrow—and they quickly pass."

Verse 12, of Psalm 90, then gives us this resolution—
"So teach us—watch this—teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

- This Psalm, number 90—is ascribed to Moses;
- Moses spent 40 years in the Palace—40 years in hiding—and 40 years wandering in the wilderness;
- Moses spent 40 years thinking he was somebody—40 years learning he was nobody—And the last 40 years discovering what God could do with a nobody—who knew somebody!
- The people of God wandered in the wilderness 40 years.
- How did they get there?—The teaching of this text suggests that they lacked wisdom!

- 1. KNOWLEDGE IS WHAT YOU KNOW—BUT— WISDOM IS KNOWING WHAT TO DO WITH WHAT YOU KNOW!
- SO—in Psalm 90—Moses Prays & Declares— "Teach us to number our days! Why?—So we may gain a heart of wisdom!
- START RIGHT HERE—NUMBER YOUR DAYS! Because whether you do—or not—they're literally numbered—they're assigned—they're counted—they're prepared!

Proverbs 16:3: Commit to the Lord whatever you do—and your plans will succeed!

- 2. To make your days meaningful, memorable, and matter, "STEP PAST FEAR!"
- 3. **TURN SOMEDAY—INTO TO-DAY!** TURN YOUR WHEN—INTO NOW and begin to pray—"God teach me the power of this moment—right here!—AND—Turn my when—into now!

Proverbs 27 & 1, Says—"Don't ever boast about tomorrow—because you don't know what a day will bring!"

- SO—NEVER BE AFRAID TO TRUST AN UNKNOWN FUTURE—INTO THE HANDS OF A KNOWN GOD!
- 4. The 2nd Step—YOU'VE GOTTA TURN INTENTION—INTO ACTION!

James 4:17, Says—"Anybody then, who knows the good that you should do—and does not do it—sins!—

- 5. 3rd Step—TURN INVOLVEMENT—INTO INVESTMENT!
- People living over 90 years old said if they could do it all over again—they would #1—"REFLECT MORE!"
- #2—"RISK MORE!"
- AND #3—THEY WOULD INVEST MORE—IN THINGS THAT WERE GONNA OUTLAST THEM!
- AND—We do this when we commit everything to God!

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