A FUNERAL, A WEDDING, AND WHAT COMES NEXT

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Opening Scripture: Psalm 90:1-12 Key Text: Hebrews 9:27-28

This week moved from a funeral to a wedding - from looking back over a life that had ended to looking forward to a life together that was beginning. We are living between the beginning and the end, and what we do with Jesus in the middle determines what comes next.

1. LIFE IS A GIFT WE'VE BEEN GIVEN, NOT SOMETHING WE OWN

Genesis 2:7 - God formed man from the dust and breathed into him the breath of life.

Every breath is evidence of God's mercy. Our lives are not possessions to spend however we please; they are a stewardship entrusted to us for a little while.

What am I doing with the life and time God has placed in my hands?

2. DEATH WAS NEVER SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE FINAL WORD

Romans 5:12 - Sin entered the world, and death came through sin. 1 Corinthians 15:26 calls death the last enemy.

A funeral reminds us that sin has consequences and eternity is real. It should cause every living person to ask the question we can't afford to avoid: Am I ready to meet God?

Truth God is pressing on my heart:

3. WHAT WE DO IN THE MIDDLE MATTERS

Psalm 90:12 - "So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

We can't change when we were born, and we can't control when our earthly life will end. But we are responsible for how we live today. The tragedy isn't simply that life ends; it is reaching the end and realizing we never truly lived for the One who gave us life.

What must I stop postponing?

4. JESUS CHANGED WHAT COMES NEXT

Hebrews 9:27-28 - We are appointed to die once and then face judgment, but Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.

Death came because of sin, but Jesus came because of love. He carried our sin to the cross, entered the grave, and rose again. Church membership, good intentions, and another person's faith can't save us. Only Jesus can save us.

What is Jesus calling me to surrender today?

THE CENTRAL TRUTH
The funeral reminds us that every earthly life comes to an end. The wedding reminds us that new beginnings are possible. The cross declares that for those who belong to Jesus, death doesn't get the final word.

MY RESPONSE: Today I need to repent, surrender, forgive, obey, or follow Jesus by: