



SUNDAY EVENING

AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: What Are You Remembered For?

Passage: Ecclesiastes 7:1

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Introduction: Every person will be remembered for something. Long after possessions and accomplishments fade, what remains is a person's character, testimony, and the kind of life they lived. As we reflect during Memorial Day weekend, we are reminded that people are remembered not only for how they died, but for how they lived. The question is not whether we will be remembered, but what we will be remembered for.

I. Everyone Is Writing Their Story Right Now

Solomon had everything: wisdom, wealth, influence, opportunity. And yet, when you come to the end of his life and read the book of Ecclesiastes, you don't find a man celebrating all he accumulated; you find a man looking back.

*"Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity."
(Ecclesiastes 1:2)*

*"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."
(Ecclesiastes 12:13)*

Solomon spent a lifetime building, achieving, pursuing, and in the end, what mattered most was not what he had, but who he was before God.

The life you live is the life that will be remembered.



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Every day, with every decision, you are shaping what people will one day say about your life. You are writing the story that your family will remember, that your friends will recall, that others will associate with your name.

II. Most People Drift Into A Life They Never Meant to Live

Solomon started with wisdom, with clarity, with a heart that desired God. He didn't make one big, dramatic decision to walk away from what mattered; he drifted.

Before long, the man who had once asked for wisdom was now building altars to false gods.

Nobody plans to be careless with what God has entrusted to them, but spending, priorities, and habits slowly shift. And before long, we're not really managing what God has given; we're just reacting to life as it comes.

III. The Life That Matters Is Built On Daily Choices

*"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."
(Proverbs 4:23)*

The direction of your life is not determined by one big decision; it is shaped by what you allow into your heart day after day.

*"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much..."
(Luke 16:10)*

Faithfulness is not proven in the big moments; it is revealed in the small ones.

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..." (Romans 12:2)



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